

## False Religious Leaders

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The apostle Paul wrote to the Gentile church of Galatia:

“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from him who called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6).

(v.7). Twice he states that whoever preaches any deviation from the message Paul taught was ‘accursed’ (vv.8, 9). It is perverted (v.7). And to the Corinthian church he writes: “If he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted - you may well tolerate it...” (II Corinthians 11:4). Another Gospel. Another Jesus. Another spirit.

According to the apostle John (John 1:9), Jesus is ‘the true Light that gives light to every man that comes into the world’. These false apostles - preachers - bring a false Gospel. They are as the Pharisees who made a show of righteousness, who use ‘Christian’ terms: Jesus, Spirit, Gospel, repentance, baptism, light. It is, in other words, a subtle deception. Paul taught: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

Satan is the arch-deceiver! We're told in Scripture that he is the God of the whole world (Revelation 12:9).

That he blinds men to the truth of the Gospel (2 Corinthians 4:4). (1 John 5:19)., There's a spiritual veil over the nation of Israel only to be removed after their resurrection (Isaiah 25:7). And many will come to embrace "strong delusion" (2 Thessalonians 7) Rom. 10:3 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Rom 10 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. So it is easy for Satan to deceive people who are prone to disbelief ( spiritual blindness).

What better way than through false religions? Actually Satan doesn't care what kind of religion a self appointed minister chooses, as long as it's not God's righteous true religion. Most people are blinded

because they don't care enough to take the time to find the truth. It is so much easier to just drift along and let someone else tell them what to believe. Salvation is way too valuable to leave it in the hands of Satan's false ministers, who may be deceived themselves. It is not always the unrighteous, who blatantly break God's commandment, that are allowing themselves to be lead astray. Many "good" people are willingly accepting Satan's ministers word, not searching the scriptures for themselves to see what God actually requires of His believers. Believe it or not God's word is full of many dos and don'ts that He requires us to obey. Satan is not only the great deceiver but also the great counterfeiter who will mimic God's religion to make people accept it as God's. That is why one must go first to God's word and diligently study it before joining any religious church. It is very difficult to unlearn untruths after discovering the real truth, and try to mix the two. God won't accept it. One of the sins God repeatedly mentions in His word, that he hates, is "idolatry". Our religions are saturated with idolatry and most are totally unaware of it! Not only are most religious people unaware of idolatry, but most don't even know what it is and why God hates it. That is dangerous. Satan can so easily mislead any who is following religions that "dumb down" their members. Of course to get the most benefit from studying the bible is to study it for the right purpose, that is to desire to know the truth, and willingly obey what God shows you, as He shows you. Every one who chooses to know the truth needs to know what Idolatry is, and what God condemns as "sin" and instantly put it out of their lives. God bless you in your efforts to find and accept His truth in your life. It's the very best kind of life!!

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