

The Satanic Trinity

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Open your Bibles today to 2 Corinthians chapter 11 and I will read the first 15 verses.

The apostle Paul writes to this church in Corinth:

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things. Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.¹

¹ 1 Corinthians 11:1-15.

I have entitled this message this morning, “The Satanic Trinity.”

We find that name mentioned in this text this morning, that name of Satan. And it is one of the names by which God identifies and makes us to know more about the devil. He is a very real being. He is called by such names in Scripture as Lucifer, the old serpent, the dragon, the prince of the is world, the god of this world. And he is that angel that rebelled that we read about in Isaiah 14. Lucifer, the son of the morning who exalted himself against God saying, “I will be as the most high.”

And in that rebellion God cast him out of heaven along with a third of the angelic host and reserved them in chains of darkness forever.

The name Satan literally means adversary. And he is the enemy of God and also the enemy of all men, but he is particularly shown in Scripture to be the enemy or the adversary of all of God’s elect. And the apostle Paul tells us here and shows us that his work and his methods are not like those in which he is generally portrayed. Actually a lot of what is called the work of the devil is literally nothing more than the works of men. And he is not that figure in the red suit with the horns and the pointed ears and the tail and the pitchfork.

Not long ago I read where a preacher friend was saying that he ran up with an old high school friend, I believe. And they were talking about how that in an art class the teacher refused to put up this boy’s self portrait because he had done himself with a mustache and beard and she said it looked too much like the devil.

And that is just about a good illustration of what men and women think about the devil. But he is first of all a deceiver.

If you look back in verse three Paul says, “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”²

He said, “I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy.”³

And I fear for each and every one that I have preached to lest you be deceived by the devil.

The apostle in another place says that he, “as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”⁴

² 2 Corinthians 11:3.

³ 2 Corinthians 11:2.

⁴ 1 Peter 5:8.

And all that means is that he is a counterfeiter and rather than being the lion of the tribe of Judah, he tries to make himself to be such in order that he might consume and deceive his prey.

And his deception is carried out in the greatest part by deceiving men and women over what God says and most particularly about what God says about himself. He deceives them with a gospel that is not God's gospel. He deceives them with lies concerning God and with a deceiving Spirit and a false Jesus.

Look at verse four.

Paul said, "I am afraid that if one comes and he preaches "another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."⁵

He said, "That is my fear and that is why I preach to you, because Satan uses false preachers and false religious institutions and false professors to do this. He deceives men and women using what appears to them, to these blind and ignorant natural men, it appears to them as good and it masquerades for the truth."

You see, if you are deceived it seems right to you. If you are deceived or spiritually blind, they seem to be telling the truth.

Look down here in verse 13 again. He says, "For such are false apostles."⁶

What is an apostle? One sent from god.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel."⁷

In other words, this ought not surprise us because "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."⁸

He doesn't appear as darkness. He is not easy to recognize especially in his activity. He transforms himself so as to appear an angel or a messenger of truth.

"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."⁹

Look back in 2 Corinthians chapter four.

⁵ 2 Corinthians 11:4.

⁶ 2 Corinthians 11:13.

⁷ 2 Corinthians 11:13-14.

⁸ 2 Corinthians 11:14.

⁹ 2 Corinthians 11:15.

Paul again in verse one:

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world...¹⁰

There he is, the devil, Satan.

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”¹¹

Paul says, “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.”¹²

And the only reason that we are not deceived, the only reason the Lord's people in every place are not deceived is this.

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”¹³

The only reason Paul says we are not deceived, the only reason that we know God is that he came to us in our darkness and shined in our darkness his light revealing his glory, the glory of his grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And this is the only thing that has preserved the Lord's people throughout all generations all the way since the garden.

Peter speaks of it in that light. He says, “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”¹⁴

And this is so sad, this next statement.

“And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth...”¹⁵

¹⁰ 2 Corinthians 4:1-4.

¹¹ 2 Corinthians 4:4.

¹² 2 Corinthians 4:5.

¹³ 2 Corinthians 4:6.

¹⁴ 2 Peter 2:1.

¹⁵ 2 Peter 2:2.

They will follow these and both they and their followers, he says, “the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”¹⁶

So Paul here warns these Corinthians and therefore he warns us lest we be deceived and he was simply following the example of his master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Turn back over to Matthew chapter 24 and listen to our Lord’s words in verse four of Matthew 24.

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.”¹⁷

That ought to be a sobering warning. Comes from the mouth of him who is himself the truth.

“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”¹⁸

Look down at verse 11.

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”¹⁹

Verse 24.

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”²⁰

They are not like dumb counterfeiters printing three dollar bills. Their counterfeit gospel and their counterfeit god is a close representative, if you will, of the true God.

But there are distinctions. And our Lord in order to preserve and to save and to call out and distinguish his people, he has given to his Church gifts for men to prevent this from happening to his people.

Turn over to Ephesians chapter four. And look down in verse 11.

“And he gave some apostles...”²¹ Talking about these gifts.

¹⁶ 2 Peter 2:2-3.

¹⁷ Matthew 24:4.

¹⁸ Matthew 24:4-5.

¹⁹ Mathew 24:11.

²⁰ Matthew 24:24.

²¹ Ephesians 4:11.

...and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.²²

Craftiness, cunning words, doctrines of one kind and another in order to keep men and women from knowing about and knowing personally and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

And though these men that God gives these gifts to his Church, though they and their message are not outwardly appealing to men, they are the means of God making known the truth to his people.

Christ said, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”²³

Because a person deceived is a person in bondage. And for that reason Paul writes to Timothy and he says to Timothy, “And the servant of the Lord must not strive.”²⁴

You find somebody in the name of the Lord who is striving, always in a conflict in this world and most especially always striving with men and women trying to get them to do what they don't want to do, God didn't send him.

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.²⁵

Do you know what that tells me? With all that men say about repentance, repentance has most of all to do, as Paul and all the apostles says, with regard to God. It is repentance towards God. It is the acknowledging of the truth about God.

You say, “I am going to repent of my sins.”

You don't even know what all of your sins are. He says repentance, which is the gift of God has to do with this acknowledging of the truth about God. And when we acknowledge the truth about God he gives us faith in the Lord Jesus Christ there simultaneously given the gift of God.

²² Ephesians 4:11-14.

²³ John 8:32.

²⁴ 2 Timothy 2:24.

²⁵ 2 Timothy 2:24-25.

Paul goes on.

“And that they may recover themselves...”²⁶

These to whom God might give repentance.

“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”²⁷

Did you hear that? They are taken captive by the devil at his will. And every person, listen. Every person who believes the gospel of Satan, who falls prey to him, every one who is in his bondage, which is the bondage of tradition and false religion whereby they believe on a false God, they are demon or devil possessed.

You say, “That is awful strong.”

That is exactly what is taught in Scripture. And he assures that they are always... these that he sends out to protect his people and preach this message, he assures that they are always successful in the thing in which he sends them.

Turn back to our text book and if you would look back in 2 Corinthians chapter 10 and verse five or verse three rather.

The apostle says, “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.”²⁸

We are just men, mortal human beings, sinful, weak, frail, all the things that Paul confesses himself to be. And we are in this flesh, but we do not war in this flesh. That is, we do not take to ourselves the weapons that the devil’s group does themselves.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal.”²⁹

They don’t have to do with our abilities, our wit, our wisdom, our ability to manipulate or sneak up on somebody with the gospel to trick them into doing something. No. Not emotionalism.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations.”³⁰

Casting down images that are already in our mind as fallen depraved sinners about God. Casting down those images in our minds that we are taught from childhood, that the religious world all around us tries to raise up and say, “This is God. This is Jesus.”

²⁶ 2 Timothy 2:26.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ 2 Corinthians 10:3.

²⁹ 2 Corinthians 10:4.

³⁰ 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

No.

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”³¹

To our obedience of Christ? No. To the obedience of Christ. That is, we are brought to bow and trust in his obedience unto death, even the death of the cross so that when God sends his messengers out to his people not knowing wherever they are in this world themselves, they go and preaching the gospel to every creature he takes that gospel and he uses it and causes them and that gospel to be a success.

Everybody in our day wants to be a success, especially preachers. And the more buildings you can build the more successful you must be, the more bodies you can accumulate in a place and on a church roll the more successful you can be, the more money you can pile up, the more programs you can establish.

But the Lord’s servants are successful with the gospel. Why? Because they are only looking for the Lord’s sheep.

Paul says, “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ.”³²

If I preach the gospel and God is not pleased to save anybody what I preach about Christ is going to be a sweet fragrance to God. In other words, the Lord’s servant preaches first of all for God.

I have heard people say they preach for decisions. They preach for converts. They preach for the salvation of men. All these things. But we preach first for God to say what is right about God and true of God and glorify him.

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.³³

It wouldn’t be worth as many, many, many have tried to do over the ages, it wouldn’t be worth the changing of one Word, one verse of Scripture concerning what God says about himself and his Son. It wouldn’t be worth changing one word about him to save 10 worlds like ours.

³¹ 2 Corinthians 10:5.

³² 2 Corinthians 2:14-15.

³³ 2 Corinthians 2:15-17.

So the first order in telling men about the true and living God as Paul said is to tear down the false gods, the false gods of their imagination, the false gods of their tradition, the gods they have held to so long, believed in so long, the things that they have thought were right and true about God from almost the time they were first taken to a Sunday school or something.

But there is just one problem. They are not what God says about himself. And in our day as in every day since the fall of our race under Satan's deception, men are deceived by his counterfeit god. The true God makes himself known in holy Scripture as one God in the trinity of three sacred persons: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And that is everywhere in this book.

In the beginning word in verse one of Genesis, God.

“In the beginning, God [plural] created the heavens and the earth.”³⁴

And the apostle John expresses it in one sentence by the Spirit of God in an unmistakable way.

He says, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”³⁵

So Satan with his false gospel and his fake god seeks to steal the glory from God in this very thing. And he sets forth a lie concerning each of these persons and their work wresting the Scriptures to [?] and thus we have the satanic trinity.

First of all concerning God the Father. And here is his first and maybe his greatest deception and his description of him. He say he loves everybody.

That is something we all know, don't we? God loves everybody. Isn't that right, preacher?

No.

Well, are you crazy? We are talking, I suppose, about the God of the Bible, are we not? Are we not talking about the God of the flood in which he destroyed the whole antediluvian world with water?

Somebody said you would never find on the back of Noah's ark that bumper sticker that reads, “Smile, God loves you.”

You see, the God of the Bible is the God that rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah and destroyed every person in all the cities of the plain in his judgment. He is

³⁴ Genesis 1:1.

³⁵ 1 John 5:7.

the God who slew thousands of soldiers by simply passing through them. He is the God who brought about that destruction in the Passover when every first born in Egypt outside of the camp of Israel died in Israel, in Egypt that night. But mainly he just doesn't say he loves everybody.

In Proverbs six it says, "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him."³⁶

And they all have to do with persons. They are not things out there abstract. They are things that have to do with you and with me as we are.

He says, "A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."³⁷

What about them? God hates them.

You say, "Well, that just means he love them less."

What is less than perfect love but hate?

He quotes in Romans nine what he said in Malachi concerning two brethren who came, born of the same parents, born at the same time, twins, raised in the same environment, given the same opportunity.

He said, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."³⁸

And those deceived by the satanic gospel, they shrink at the thought of and try to figure out how in the world could God ever hate Esau? How could God ever hate anybody?

But the truth of the matter is, that just reveals that we know nothing about God and nothing about man as a sinner when we ought to be asking and wondering how in the world could God love anybody? Because God is holy and he cannot love anybody who is not holy.

And because God is just and he cannot excuse sin and he hates all workers of iniquity. Because God's love is said to be an everlasting and an immutable, unchanging love and it says mainly, though, that God cannot love anybody outside of the Lord Jesus Christ because his love is in Christ.

Now I wrote some things about the love of God one time and somebody in an appraisal of it said that maybe I ought to talk more about the general love of God.

³⁶ Proverbs 6:16.

³⁷ Proverbs 6:19.

³⁸ Romans 9:13.

The first thought in my mind was, in this book I have not seen it. Because the love of God is the redeeming love of God. It is everlasting. It is unchanging. And it has always been in Christ. And outside of Christ he is a consuming fire.

Paul said, “Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”³⁹

And a multitude of people, most of whom they think they know something about the love of God, they are going to find out that they knew nothing about the love of God because they knew nothing about that love that is in Christ Jesus.

The God of the satanic trinity seeks to diminish the power of the living God by the promotion of the so-called free will of man, but the true God works all things after the counsel of his will. And he, if he works all things after the counsel of his will, there cannot be any such thing as a free will in man. And not only that, but there could not be simply because the man who is supposed to have this will, is himself bound by his fallen nature, by his desperately wicked and depraved heart, by a nature that will not, a carnal mind that cannot do anything to please God.

And, by the way, all you have to do is take your concordance and you look in the concordance under that word “will” and you find out whose will is talked about in the Bible. And unless God does for us like he did Nebuchadnezzar, we will be blinded and deceived by this satanic god the father that men are always talking about and preaching about who in no way resembles the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This say sin Daniel four, he confessed that, “And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High.”⁴⁰

Satan said, “I will be as the most high,” and he was not.

When Nebuchadnezzar was brought down by God he said, “I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”⁴¹

There is nobody. What he does, whatever takes place, that is what he wanted to do. He doesn't desire to do one thing but because of circumstances out of his control find himself unable to do it. Whatever he desires it says in Job, that he so does. And Satan would deceive men into thinking that there is some good in them when God says that there is not, that they can do something for God when he shows us that they cannot do

³⁹ Romans 8:39.

⁴⁰ Daniel 4:34.

⁴¹ Daniel 4:34-35.

anything for God, that they can work righteousness, when he says they cannot, that they can come to God any time that they want or any way that they want when he says that they cannot and there is only one way that they can decide on him or hold him at bay or thwart his purpose by not doing what he wants to and on and on and on. That the reason he chooses a people is because they chose him.

That is the god the father of the satanic trinity and he is a weak, frustrated god who wants to, but can't, who tries to, but fails, who weeps because men will not choose him or let him do what he wants to.

And that is not the God of glory. Don't you ever be deceived. He does what he will to whom he will, how he wills, when he wills, where he wills. That is what his godhood is about.

He said, "I will be merciful to whom I will be merciful. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious."

And Paul said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."⁴²

Turn over to Ephesians chapter one.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him [and that is where that actually ends] in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.⁴³

He did this. And the God men will meet in death and in judgment is not the god of this satanic trinity, not the god of this satanic gospel by which men are deceived. Because do you see what this reduces the love of God to?

In other words, if God loves everybody then evidently the difference in whether or not they are saved or lost has to do with something that they do and not that which he does. He loves his people in Christ with an everlasting love which is just like himself, active and mighty in saving all of them in a way that is consistent with his holy character, with his sovereign will and with his eternal purpose.

And then the second person of this satanic trinity, he has to do with the counterfeit of God the Son.

⁴² Ephesians 1:3.

⁴³ Ephesians 1:3-6.

You see, the Jesus of the satanic trinity is the one Paul warns of and calls another Jesus. Got he same name, said to be the Savior, but he in no way resembles the Christ of God.

How do we know this? Because we opened a book and read it.

The Jesus of the satanic trinity is promoted as the Jesus who died for every person in the world.

You wanted one thing about this fake Jesus to identify him right away. They say of him that he died for every single person in the world.

And old fellow by the name of John Owen who was no slight preacher, set forth three things that had to be. And men called it Owen's dilemma that it had to be with regard to the death of Christ one of three things. One, first of all, that Christ died for all the sins of all men and therefore all will be saved.

Well, you know that can't be. Christ has already told us we know of a number of people who are already in hell.

Secondly, he said, or he died for some of the sins of all. And since you and I and anybody else can't do anything about the rest of them, then nobody would be saved. And that is not true either, because Jesus of the Savior.

Or, he said, thirdly, that Christ died for all of the sins of some of men and therefore they all will be saved.

Bingo. That is exactly what this book teaches, that Jesus Christ died for all of the sins of some men, sovereignly chosen by the Father and given to him in an everlasting covenant of grace as his bride and people and they every one shall be saved.

The Bible sets forth the death of Christ as particular, a particular person dies in a particular place at a particular time through a particular means, the cross and accomplishes a particular result.

If Christ died for all men, then why are not all saved? Somebody always has an answer. Because of unbelief.

But isn't unbelief a sin? If he died for all the sins of all people and somebody says, "Well, the reason all aren't saved is because all don't believe," but unbelief is a sin.

When the Bible speaks using terms like all men or as we find in John 3:16 the world, he is talking about first of all kinds of men, but mainly in those texts he is talking about the removal of that distinction between Jew and Gentile. He is talking about people from amongst Jew and Gentile, not just Jew now, not even just Gentile, but from among the Jew and the Gentile, a remnant according to the election of grace, people out of every nation, kindred, tribe and tongue.

John 17 when he is praying to the Father he says, “Glorify me,” he says, “As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”⁴⁴

He has power over all flesh as the Savior of the world, as the man Christ Jesus, the one Mediator. He has power, authority over all flesh to give eternal life to those that the Father gave to him.

When you look back in the Old Testament with every sacrifice, when those innocent victims were slain there in the garden and blood shed and the skins provided, they were provided for and those animals were sacrificed for Adam and Eve.

When that Passover lamb was slain, that blood did not go on the houses of Egypt. It went on the houses of Israel which was a type and picture of the Lord’s true Israel. And every time that priest went with that sacrifice into the tabernacle or the temple it never was for everybody in the world. It was of that one nation, one people which were simply a picture of God’s elect.

What do the Scriptures say? Christ said that he died for his sheep.

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”⁴⁵

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”⁴⁶

And then he turns so as to make those who are immediately before him and us know that not everybody is his sheep. He said to those Pharisees, “But ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep.”⁴⁷

All of God’s sheep believe, but that believing doesn’t make them God sheep. He laid down his life of the sheep. He laid down his life for his friends.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”⁴⁸

“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”⁴⁹

What did he say his commandment was? This is the commandment. Believe on him whom God has sent and love one another.

⁴⁴ John 17:2.

⁴⁵ John 10:11.

⁴⁶ John 10:15.

⁴⁷ John 10:26.

⁴⁸ John 15:13.

⁴⁹ John 15:14.

He died and shed his blood not for every person in the world, but for his Church, for his bride.

Paul says, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.”⁵⁰

And when you see that word “For” it has to do with as a substitute in the place of or as a sacrifice for it. He purchased the Church with his own blood. He died for many.

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”⁵¹

“By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”⁵²

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”⁵³

Not everyone, but many. Many are going to be deceived, but many the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself a ransom for.

Can we imagine him ever paying for something he doesn't get, especially when he laid down his life in that payment? When you think about the words that we find used for his death which is to redeem or to ransom or to purchase, it doesn't say he made a bid for everybody. He purposed his people and by his very name. He is named for a reason.

Jesus means Joshua or Jehovah the Savior. And Mary and Joseph were told that, “she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”⁵⁴

Isaiah, God says through him, “He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.”⁵⁵

God must be just and his justice must be satisfied and honored and executed. And men make the just God to be unjust by saying that he requires a double payment, in other words, saying that some that Christ died for will also go to hell and that will be a double payment for their sins, not just God. Oh, no. Because a just God cannot send not one of those for whom Christ dies or pays the price to hell. He just cannot. And you either got

⁵⁰ Ephesians 5:25.

⁵¹ Matthew 20:28.

⁵² Isaiah 53:11.

⁵³ Hebrews 9:28.

⁵⁴ Matthew 1:21.

⁵⁵ Isaiah 53:8.

universal salvation through his death or a salvation that he wrought for a particular people by which he paid their debt and every one of them is going free.

And the glory would be if we could see that he paid that for us.

Don't you suspect that the Lord Jesus intercedes for those he died for? What does he say in John 17?

“I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.”⁵⁶

That is the will I am interested in.

The satanic gospel proclaims a second person of the satanic trinity as one whose work and success and glory depends on what those he died for do, not the true Christ. He came to save and did, to redeem and did, to bear the sins of people and did, to suffer and to enter into his glory and he did and he is very different from the one that the God of this world sets forth. This is another Jesus.

And then I have got to hurry, but that third one, that third person of the trinity God the Spirit. He counterfeits him. The spirit of the satanic trinity is trying to save every person in the world, really? Not really.

If this were true, if this were the true Spirit of God, then we would have to say he is a total failure, a weak, impotent and powerless God if he is trying to save every person in this world, but can't.

And not only that but that would be and mean that there is a complete disharmony in the godhead and make all three persons a failure. The truth is the Spirit of God that must quicken us, that is bring us to spiritual life call us effectually and mightily to Christ, give us faith to believe on Christ, he is working and so producing and bringing forth that salvation of everyone that the Father loved and chose and everyone, therefore, that the Son loved and died for. He loves the same and calls them out.

That is why Paul says we are always a success. Why? Because he said I am not ashamed of the power of God, of the gospel, because it is the power of God unto salvation. In other words, the Spirit of God will take the truth. He is the Spirit of truth. And Christ said, the Spirit of truth when he is come he will take the things of mine and make them available to you?

No. He will take the things of mine and show them to you. You will see them because he will reveal Christ.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God

⁵⁶ John 17:9.

hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.⁵⁷

Is the Holy Spirit only able to influence or woo? To me that would be a denial that he is even God. But he is God the Spirit. He is the third person of the true trinity.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”⁵⁸

Will he act in a way that is contrary to the what the Father chose and loved and...? Or will he act in a way contrary to the ones that the Son came and loved as the Father gave him and died for? I don't think so.

Because the Spirit of God is not less than almighty God himself, coequal with the Father and the Son and coable.

What does that mean? It means what he desires to do, that is what he does.

Christ said, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me.”⁵⁹

How can you be so sure? Because the Spirit of God is going to bring them. He is going to bring them out of that darkness by shining the light of the truth into their hearts. He is going to call them and bring them and give them faith to believe. They are dead. That is the condition. Dead in trespasses in sins. And this life giving Spirit has to come upon them as he did in the very creation.

“Let there be light.”⁶⁰

What happened after that? What does it say after that?

“And there was light.”⁶¹

God says of his people in Christ he says to that Son his King, “Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.”⁶²

Preachers, evangelists and such, Billy Graham and a host of others who support the satanic trinity and gospel, they said, “If you will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, he will give you your birth.”

⁵⁷ 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.

⁵⁸ 1 John 5:7.

⁵⁹ John 6:37.

⁶⁰ Genesis 1:3.

⁶¹ Ibid.

⁶² Psalm 110:3.

That is not the way it is set forth in Scripture. You didn't have any part in your first birth, did you?

Well, I think I will be born. It is 1947. Harley and Sadie, they have lived together a while now. I think I will just be born and live with them.

That is not the way it happened with me.

But the Lord Jesus said of that new birth, he said the Spirit of God is like the wind that blows sovereignly where it will. You don't know where it came from. You don't know where it is going. But he does that and he brings that life to his people. He brings them in providence to hear the gospel and he speaks that life giving word to their souls and they believe. Their belief is not the cause of life. The life he gives them is the cause of their believing.

That means all the glory goes to God.

It is written in the prophets, "And they shall be all..."⁶³ What? All his people.

"And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."⁶⁴

The Holy Spirit is taking the gospel, the truth, not everywhere in the world. That is so obvious. It is just not even funny to think about it. There are people in this world that have never seen a Bible. There are many more people who have seen all kinds of religious relics and such and they have not ever heard a true gospel sermon. But you have. And it may have come from a pitiful human being. It may have come from the weakest of vessels.

But Paul goes on to say that, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God."⁶⁵

If he gives me breath, I pray to the last day I live on this earth, it will be that I might set forth the true gospel, to preach God as he is in the trinity of his sacred persons, the blessed Father who loved and chose and entered into covenant relationship with his people in Christ before they ever were born, before they ever were or did anything. And of God the eternal Son who came in human flesh, the God man, the one Mediator and went directly to that cross as their substitute and Savior and redeemed them by his blood. And God the blessed Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of Christ who takes the things of Christ and who like God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shines in our heart and we see the glory of God which is the glory of his grace in the face of Christ.

⁶³ John 6:45.

⁶⁴ Ibid.

⁶⁵ 2 Corinthians 4:7.

One day Elijah stood on Mount Carmel and there was him on the one hand and 850 of the prophets of the groves and the prophets of Baal and Elijah looked at the people and he said, "How long are you going to halt between two opinions?"

That is all there ever is, two gospels, the true gospel and this other gospel; the true trinity of God and this satanic trinity. How long are you going to halt between two opinions? If God be God let him answer with fire.

And so those 850 prophets they had the favor of the king and the queen. They got out there and they put out their sacrifices and all this kind of stuff, did their rituals, their hocus pokus and such and they got so zealous and they were really into it, cutting themselves with knives and lances and stuff like that and showing their zeal and their sincerity and all that. Except God didn't do anything.

"Oh, I feel it. I feel..."

No, you don't.

And then one man steps up there. He came out of the wilderness. He prayed 64 words. He took having to take barrels of water on his sacrifice which they poured until the water filled trenches around it.

He stepped back and he prayed that 64 word prayer I believe it was, part of which was simply, "Lord, let it be know this day that you are God in Israel and I am you preacher."

And fire fell out of heaven not only consumed the sacrifice, but licked up the water in the ditches all around it, dry as a bone and gone.

Eight hundred and fifty preachers and one man over here who knew God, preached the gospel.

When Satan said, "I will be as the most high," God said, "You will be brought down to hell," and he cast him out. And one day it says that he will say to those on his left, the goats, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."⁶⁶

What is an angel? A messenger. And every person that preaches the satanic trinity, the satanic gospel and every person who believes it and seeks to promote it, they are his messengers.

"Depart from me, ye cursed."⁶⁷

"Oh, but we have preached in your name and we have done many great wonderful works in your name."

⁶⁶ Matthew 25:41.

⁶⁷ Ibid.

He says, "I never knew you, depart from me."⁶⁸

Would to God you would think on these things this morning and that he give you faith to believe on the God of this book.

He is not the popular one. He is not the one that maybe your family and your best buddies and your coworkers and all that believe on. But he is the true and living God. And this is the way he is.

And the three that bear record in heaven have all set their seals to this book that this is the way he is. Beware of the satanic trinity. Beware of the devil's gospel. Believe the truth.

All the Lord's people will.

Our dear God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, oh, our blessed Savior and our wondrous and blessed comforter, the Spirit, we thank you. We give you praise and honor. We count it a wonder of your grace that we would ever be able to distinguish you, to love you, to cast all hope upon you. And we know it is only because of your mercy, nothing in any way because of anything we are or have done, just the fact that you determined to have mercy on us in Christ. Keep us, we pray. Keep us from self deception and from Satanic deception. Lead us in the way of truth and keep us in that simplicity which is in Christ. Call out your sheep. May this gospel be a sweet fragrance to you as it is preached. Lord, not only in those that are being saved, but also in those that are perishing. Keep us from a crafty, deceitful handling of your Word and get all glory unto yourself. For we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

⁶⁸ Matthew 7:23.