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INTRODUCTION

The word "deceived" means *to roam or be moved away from truth or virtue.*

The Bible cautions us to not be deceived. i.e. Don't allow yourself to be moved from the truth!

Last Sunday morning we looked at the things that can deceive us.

- I. *INTOXICANTS ARE DECEIVERS.*
 - A. *ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.*
 - B. *ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE NOT THE ONLY INTOXICANTS.*

- II. *RICHES ARE A DECEIVER.*
 - A. *Some People Trust In Riches For Security, But Riches Can Vanish In A Moment.*
 - B. *Some People Look To Riches For Happiness, But They Only Find More Discontentment.*
 - C. *Riches Cause People To Turn From The Important Things In Life.*

- III. *SIN IS A DECEIVER.*
 - A. *Sin Is Deceitful Because Of Its Pleasure.*
 - B. *Sin Is Deceitful Because Of Its Harvest.*

The Laws Of The Harvest:

 1. *You Reap In The Same Field Or Fields That You Sow In.*
 2. *You Reap What You Sow.*
 3. *You Reap More Than You Sow.*
 4. *You Reap Later Than You Sow.*

This morning we're going to look at "The People Who Deceive:"

In this Epistle we have seen how that many of the Galatians had allowed themselves to be deceived by the Judaizers who were trying to add law keeping as a requirement for Salvation!

I. THE BIBLE SHOWS US THAT SATAN IS A DECEIVER!

1 Timothy 2:14 says that Eve was "deceived" by Satan.

1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression.**

Revelation 12:9 says that Satan "**deceiveth the whole world.**"

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

John 8:44—Calls Satan "**the father of lies.**"

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

2 Corinthians 11:14—says that "Satan himself is transformed into an **"angel of light."** transformed = **transfigured or disguised**

A. WE KNOW THAT SATAN TRIES TO COUNTERFEIT ALL THAT GOD HAS!

1. **BIBLE—God has one Book of Truth that contains His Word!** Satan has many books: Koran, Book of Mormon, The Sayings of Confucius, and all the perversions of the true Word of God.

Remember, the word "**deceived**" means *to roam or be moved away from truth or virtue.*

2. **CHRIST—God has one Christ!** Satan has many antichrists.

1 John 2:18—"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**

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1 John 2:22—“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

B. WE KNOW THAT SATAN WILL USE ANY AND EVERY MEANS TO TRY TO DECEIVE!

Politics, Power, Riches, Pleasure, and even Religion.

II. THE BIBLE SHOWS US THAT MANKIND, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE LOST ARE DECEITFUL!

John 8:44—“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

*Colossians 2:8—“Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and **vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men**, after the **rudiments of the world**, and not after Christ.”*

*2 Timothy 3:13—“But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.***

A. Mankind Is Deceitful In Business!

That is why we have the Better Business Bureau, The Attorney General’s office, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the list goes on of groups that try to protect the public.

B. Mankind Is Deceitful In Politics!

Just look at what is happening right now in the political arena.

C. Mankind Is Deceitful In Religion!

Be careful about what you believe. Don’t swallow anything that sounds good that comes along. **Ephesians 4:11-15**

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

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2 Peter 2:1-3

III. THE BIBLE SHOWS THAT THE COMING ANTICHRIST WILL BE DECEITFUL! (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

*2 Timothy 3:13—“But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.***

People are being deceived more so today than ever before! An increasing number of people are swallowing lies each and every day and it is getting worse and worse with each and every passing day!

After the Lord Jesus comes to call His Church out of this world, all that deception is going to culminate in **THE MOST EVIL, THE MOST SEDUCING and THE MOST DECEIVED and the MOST DECEIVING man this world has ever seen!**

Here in these verses of *2 Thessalonians 2*, he is called **“THAT MAN OF SIN” (Vs 3), “THE SON OF PERDITION” (Vs 3), and “THAT WICKED” (vs 8)!**

The Book of the Revelation 13 he is called “THE BEAST.”

IV. THE BIBLE SHOWS THAT OUR OWN SINFUL HEART IS DECEITFUL! (Jeremiah 17:9)

The LORD warned the Children of Israel of this:

Deuteronomy 11:16—“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.”

The problem with the heart is that **it not only deceives others, but it deceives us.** There is no way to deal with all the ways that our hearts try to deceive us, but lets look at a few ways:

A. The heart says, “I am associated with Christianity, therefore, I must be a Christian.” But the Bible says:

1. *Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

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2. *John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*
3. *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
4. *John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
5. *Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

B. The heart says, "I can get by with sin." But the Bible says:

1. *Numbers 32:23- ". . .be sure your sin will find you out."*
2. *Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*
3. *Romans 6:23- "The wages of sin is death."*
4. *James 1:15- "...sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*

C. The heart says, "There is plenty of time" or "When I'm older I'll get saved or start serving God." or "I intend on getting saved one day, just not today." But the Bible says:

1. *Proverbs 27:1 "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."*
2. *2 Corinthians 6:2- "...behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation."*

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D. The heart says, "I am too old or sinful for God to save."

1. *John 6:37- "...him that cometh to me I will **in no wise** cast out."*
2. *Hebrews 7:25- "Wherefore he is able also to save them **to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."*
3. *Matthew 11:28- "Come unto me, **all** ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

E. The heart says, "There is got to be more to it than that, salvation can't be that simple." But the Bible says:

1. *2 Corinthians 11:3- "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from **the simplicity that is in Christ.**"*
2. *Ephesians 2:8-9- "For **by grace are ye saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*
3. **Romans 10:8-10.**

Self-deception is the worst kind of deception.

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things. . ."

Conclusion

I wonder....are you being played for a fool? Are you being deceived?:

By things-Intoxicants, Riches, Sin.

By people-Satan, Men, Your Own Heart.

Are you Saved?

Are you Sure?

Are you Serving?