

God's Genuine Gospel #2

Deceptive "Gospels" Part 1

2Corinthians 11:2b-4 8/19/2018

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- Responsibility of a Bride's Father: Promise, Protection, & Presentation
- Betrothal formalized a Marriage Covenant before consummation
- Divorce required to break betrothal, being unchaste was adultery
- Recognizing Paul's analogy & responsibility as the gospel ambassador

The Danger of Deception (2Cor 11:3)

³ But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

- The Reason for Alarm
 - Prowling Adversary with an Agenda, Masquerading as Angel of Light
 - To thoroughly deceive by his craftiness (whatever it takes)
 - Convoluting the simple truth of God
 - Contradicting the stated word of God
 - Casting Doubt on the sincere motives of God
 - Compelling the people of God to pursue their own desires
 - Pulling Down their thoughts from the solid foundation of Life in Christ
 - led astray, undercut, corrupted, wasting away, degenerating
 - Standing still in surf as the waves pull the sand from under you
 - The Simplicity & Purity of Standing on the True Gospel of Christ
 - singleness, sincerity, without folds, no doubling back
 - purity of devotion that flows from already-received grace
 - the loyalty & love of faith convinced of the true Gospel

An Absent Discernment (2Cor 11:4)

⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

- Preaching a Jesus other than the true Jesus preached by the Apostles
 - Jesus who's not God, not man, anything but a sacrifice of atonement
- Receiving a differing spirit than the true Spirit you received
 - A spirit that promotes contradiction
 - A spirit that performs for your own sake
 - A spirit that doesn't point to Christ's Lordship
- Acknowledging a differing gospel than true Gospel you accepted
 - A gospel that requires Jesus PLUS
 - A gospel focused on human works
 - A gospel focused on worldly gain
 - A gospel discounting God's wrath
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