

SATAN'S MINISTERS

Satan, a fallen arc angel still has the power to deceive the unsuspecting and to indwell their being causing them to do and say things that are not of Jesus Christ. In fact the scripture says that *'even the very elect can be deceived!'*¹ The following revelation has been given to expose those who control the church for their own personal gain and not to the Glory of God.

Satan does not just use his ministers to misquote, or wrest² the scriptures to their own destruction, but he actually inhabits, that is, he comes into their spirit. If you are one of the elect lady, that is the church of God³ in spirit and truth then you will know not only the doctrines of Jesus, but also the SPIRIT OF GOD. In fact Jesus said; *My sheep hear my voice and another will they not follow!* Satan not only inhabits those who are his with the wrong spirit, but through him his ministers speak only the wisdom of satan which is darkness and kills.⁴

Satan inhabits those who cannot discern the spirits of deception because they themselves have not the Spirit of Christ in them. We read in scripture; 'Strong meat belongs to them of full age, having their sensus Without the Spirit of Christ in us, we are none of His! Romans 8.

STUDY TEXT: 2COR 4:1 TO 2COR 13:10-11.

This study reveals who satan's Apostles are that have transformed themselves into ministers of Righteousness. You will be surprised to know that they look and talk just like the average preacher behind the pulpit.

Satan and a third of the angels fell together when they were cast out of heaven. Since only God is Omnipresent and not satan, you and I are most likely to be tempted and deceived by one of the angels that fell with him. Since fallen angels (messengers) are under the control on earth of satan, we often speak of our problems as being caused by him. We can in the following verse see the power of an evil spirit's deception.

Satan (or one of his messengers) can fashioneth, that is, disguise or insert himself (spirit) into man. A good example of this is when Peter was standing beside Jesus. Peter began to rebuke Jesus when he was talking about His death and resurrection. Jesus said to Peter; *'get thee behind me satan;'* Peter meant well but his spirit was wrong! Matthew 16:21-23. A very interesting point about this is that Jesus was standing right beside Peter and Peter was deceived, not knowing what spirit was working in him!

All words in scripture are numbered for easy reference to their root, that is, to be able to study the original Hebrew or Greek word and its original meaning. By this kind of study we are less likely to take the Word of God out of context. The number system was set up originally by

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Matthew 24:24

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Ps 56:5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

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2 John 1:1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

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2 Corinthians 3:6

Strong's and it helps us to fulfill the command; '*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*' 2 Timothy 2:15

In the text of 2 Corinthians 11:14 (1881RV) we are showing it with the Strong's number after every word of importance that we want to study to understand the original word and root meaning. ***And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth <3345> himself <846> into an angel <32>, of light <5457>.***

#3345 = **Fashioneth**, is a verb, that is action, It means; **to transform one's self into some one, to assume ones appearance. This word is a derivative, that is, comes from #4976; vb**

#4976 = **the habitus**; As comprising everything in a person which strikes the senses, the figure, bearing, discourse, actions, manner of life etc. In Matthew 7:15 Jesus warned; '*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves*

Satan has the ability to indwell, that is, inhabit the unsuspecting. It is like pouring black ink into a bottle full of pure clean water. At first only some of the water is dark, but after the ink defuses in the water the whole bottle is full of dark water. Jesus made a statement in Luke 11:34 to this effect by saying; '*The light of the body is the eye: therefore, when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.*'

The following word, '*himself*

#846 = **himself**; Propelling himself backward through the idea of a baffling (confusing) wind. Satan was cast out of heaven as the scripture records. He is very angry with great wrath and desires to through man not only steal the Praise that belongs to God, but in some deceived way, he thinks that by inhabiting our spirit, he can go back up to heaven! John in Revelations 12:12 said; '*Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

#032 = **angel**; A messenger, Through Impelling, that is, to move: i.e., of forces and influences on the mind.

Impel; = To drive or urge forward; incite or constrain to action. Perhaps you have read or heard about someone saying, a voice or spirit told me and caused me to do what I did?

#5457 = **Light**; To shine or make manifest, especially by rays. metaph.2a) God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality.

Satan is the accuser of the Brethren (speaks against, condemns that which is good) Job 1:9; Rev 12:10.

JESUS

Philippians 2:8-AV

And being **found in fashion (4976) as a man**, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

GOD'S ABILITY TO RESIST SATAN GIVEN TO MAN; WE MUST USE IT.

2Corinthians 10:3-5AV

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting

down imaginations <3053>, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

3053 = imagination, a reckoning, computation 2) a reasoning: such as is hostile to the Christian faith 3) a judgment, decision: such as conscience passes.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S TRUE MINISTERS OF LIGHT

2Corinthians 1:12-13AV

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that **in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.** For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

0572 = simplicity, singleness, sincerity, mental honesty; the virtue of one who is free from pretence and hypocrisy, not self seeking, openness of heart manifesting itself by generosity.

1505 = sincerity, purity, ingenuousness.

2Corinthians 4:1-AV

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.**

CHARACTERISTICS REVEALING SATAN'S MINISTERS OF INIQUITY.

THEY COME IN WHEN THE CHURCH IS WEAK AND WOUNDED AS WAS THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH, (1COR. 5:1-13) TO DESTROY.

1. THEY COME ARMED WITH WRITTEN TESTIMONIALS TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR PREACHING ELSEWHERE, HOPING TO GAIN OPPORTUNITY.

2 Corinthians 3:1

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? **or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?**

2. THESE SUPERLATIVE, THAT IS, EXAGGERATED APOSTLES DREW UNFLATTERING COMPARISON BETWEEN THEIR WORKS AND THOSE OF PAUL. THEY SAID PAUL LACKED CHARISMA, THAT HE WAS AN INEFFECTIVE PREACHER. HE WAS FRAIL AND HYPOCRITICAL--A BULLY IN HIS LETTERS BUT HARMLESS IN PERSON.

2Corinthians 10:10

For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

3. THEY ACCUSED PAUL OF RECEIVING PERSONAL GAIN FROM OFFERINGS FOR THE POOR IN JERUSALEM.

2Corinthians 11:7; 12:17.

Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

4. THEY GLORY IN APPEARANCE AND NOT IN HEART.

2Corinthians 5:12-AV

For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to [answer] them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

5. THEY CAUSE OFFENCES (CAUSE THE LITTLE ONES TO LOOSE OUT WITH GOD) IN SAINTS AND THE MINISTRY IS BLAMED.

2Corinthians 6:3-AV

Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

6. THEY DO NOT PROVE THEMSELVES AS MINISTERS IN PATIENCE, AFFLICTIONS, IN NECESSITIES, IN DISTRESSES.

2Corinthians 6:4-AV

But in all [things] approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

7. THEY DO HARM, HURTING THE CONSCIENCE AND CAUSE MEN TO BE CORRUPTED AND DEFRAUDED.

2Corinthians 7:2-AV

Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

8. THEY ARE HURLINGS AND THE LOVE FOR THE SAINTS IS NOT REALY IN THEIR HEARTS.

2Corinthians 7:3-AV

I speak not [this] to condemn [you]: for I have said before, that **ye are in our hearts to die and live with [you].**

9. THEY DESTROY THE WORK OF GOD IN THE HEARTS OF SAINTS WITH THEIR POWER PERVERTED, INSTEAD OF EDIFYING AND BUILDING UP THE BODY.

2Corinthians 10:8-AV

For though I should boast somewhat more of our **authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction,** I should not be ashamed:

10. THEY MEASURE THEMSELVES BY THEMSELVES, AND COMPARE THEMSELVES AMONG THEMSELVES.

2Corinthians 10:12-AV

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but **they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing**

themselves among themselves, are not wise.

11. THEY BOAST THEMSELVES AS SOMEBODY WHO DOES THE WORK, NOT GIVING THE GLORY TO GOD.

2Corinthians 10:13-AV

But **we will not boast of things without [our] measure**, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

12. THEY BEGUILE SOULS THROUGH SUBTILITY AND CORRUPT THE MINDS OF SAINTS.

2Corinthians 11:3-AV

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.**

13. THEY CLAIM TO BE APOSTLES, BUT THEY PREACH ANOTHER JESUS, THE SPIRIT OF BONDAGE.

2Corinthians 11:4-6AV

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 thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.**

14. THEY EXALT THEMSELVES.

2Corinthians 11:7-11AV

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.

15. THEY GLORY IN THEMSELVES WANTING US TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE LIKE PAUL AND THE OTHER TRUE APOSTLES.

2Corinthians 11:12-19AV

But **what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, that 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. I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. That which I speak, I speak [it] not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye [yourselves] are wise.

16. SAINTS SUFFER IF A MAN DEVOUR THEM, TAKE OF THEM, USE THEM, EXALTS HIMSELF, AND SMITES THEM ON THE FACE.

2Corinthians 11:20-21; 12:7, 19; 13:10-11AV

For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour [you], if a man take [of you], if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but **[we do] all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying**. Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the **power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction**. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

17. THEY CLAIM TO BE EVENTS OF CHRIST

2Corinthians 11:23

Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

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