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Introduction

In Galatians 6:7,8, it says, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”** This was written to Christians, who were already Born again into the Body of Christ.

Can a Christian be deceived? Certainly, otherwise the Scriptures would not say to Christians, **“Be not deceived...”** Those who are not Christians are already deceived. What the world believes is a lie, and they do not know that they are believing a lie.

The first person to become deceived was Eve, in the garden of Eden. It tells us in 1 Timothy 2:14, **“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”** When it says that Eve **“...was in the transgression,”** that means that Eve was just as guilty as Adam, who was not deceived. Eve received the same judgment as Adam. They were both driven from the Garden of Eden and prevented from eating of the Tree of Life. In Genesis 3:24, it says, **“So he drove out the man (adam); and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”**

The King James Version of the Bible is incorrectly translated when it says **“the man.”** The correct translation should read **“So he drove out man (mankind, male and female).”** If it would have only been **“the man,”** it should have said **“So he drove out Adam...”**

When Christians do not know the truth as to what the Scriptures are saying, they will also be easily deceived, and could end up in the same position that Eve ended up in, simply because “she was deceived.”

The First Deception

In Ezekiel 28:12-19, it tells about Satan, the Devil, when he was deceived by his own doing. In Ezekiel 28:15, it says, **“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”** No one deceived Satan, the Devil. Satan became the Devil when he was cast out of the third heavens because of the “iniquity” that was found in him. The word “iniquity” simply means “the opposite of righteousness.” Or “opposed to righteousness.” This unrighteousness is seen in the word “Devil.” Whereby, if the “D” is removed it spells “evil.” Unrighteousness is “evil.” The Devil is “evil,” which is the opposite of God, who is good. (If we add an “o” in the word God, it spells “good.” Christians should know the difference between “good” and “evil,” “righteousness and unrighteousness,” “light and darkness,” and etc. None of these can have fellowship with each other (1 John 1:5,6).

Lucifer was an anointed arch angel who deceived himself, thinking he could do his own will, and not do what God had created him for. That is the greatest deception in all of God’s creation. No created being has the right to do their own will. Every living creature is subject to God, who is the Creator of heaven and earth.

All of the angels in the heavens are created living creatures, and they are subject to God who created them. If they would obey God, and do “God’s will for their lives,” they would continue to live in the heavens for all eternity. If they refuse to do God’s will for their lives, and go against God’s plan for them, God will judge them and punish them according to His plans for those who refuse to do His will.

God is GOD, and this whole creation of heaven and earth belongs to God. He is the Creator and He is in control of all that He created. He will always be in control of all that He created. God will bless those that obey Him and judge those who disobey Him. This includes angels, demons, and all earthly creatures.

In Isaiah 40:8, it says, **“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”** In 1 Peter 1:25, it says, **“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”** God has given mankind His Word, and His Word will stand forever.

Everything mankind needs to know is written in the Scriptures, called the Bible. In 2 Timothy 3:16,17 it says, **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”**

In 2 Peter 1:20,21, it says, **“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation...For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

Not everyone who reads the Scriptures will understand them. In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** Only those whom God opens their understanding by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will understand them. God determines “to whom and when” He will open their understanding (Luke 24:44; 1 Cor. 2:7,8).

In Genesis 1:1, it says, **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”** (NKJV). Between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2, many things happened, which are written throughout the complete Scriptures. Many of these things are not mentioned before Genesis 1:2, but are written

in the Scriptures for our understanding.

After Genesis 1:1, and before Genesis 1:2, God created multitudes of angels in the heavens. We are told of three arch angels by the names of Gabriel (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19,26), Michael (Dan. 10:13,21; 12:1; Jude 1:9; Rev.12:22), and Lucifer (Isa. 14:12). These three arch angels were created and anointed with power to do what they were created for. They were each given positions in heaven over multitudes of other angels.

Lucifer was created as an anointed cherub with great beauty, to lead praise and worship before the throne of God in the third heavens. Lucifer was perfect in the day that He was created (Ezek. 28:15).

Lucifer deceived himself, by sealing up the information concerning the plan and purpose of God for him (believing he could do his own will) (Ezek. 28:12). Lucifer was cast out of the third heavens when he would not repent, and became Satan, the Devil (Isa. 14:12-20; Ezek. 28:12-15).

Lucifer was the beginning of all deceptions. Before Adam was created, there were multitudes of angels that were deceived by Lucifer (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 1:6), when they disobeyed God, and did their own will. Lucifer deceived himself and then continued to deceive others.

Lucifer, who is now Satan the Devil was the beginning of all sin (1 John 3:8). Lucifer, who is now Satan the Devil became the first liar (John 8:44). All lies are of the Devil, and all sin is of the Devil.

In God, there is no sin, and there are no lies. God is righteous, and there is no iniquity in God (Job 34:12). God is Truth, and God never lies. The Devil lies and there is no truth in the Devil.

The first deception of anyone comes “when they believe they can do their own will.” God created all things, including angels and people. When God created angels, He gave them the ability to think for themselves. That is, they were created as “living creatures,” meaning “living souls” with a mind, (which is the intellect to think, reason, imagine, perceive, understand, etc.).

God has a living soul. Angels have a living soul. Evil spirits have a living soul. Human beings have a living soul.

Every living creature has “a soul,” which gives them the ability to think and make decisions “based upon their thoughts” which they receive in their minds. (Concerning some creatures, such as the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, cattle and other earthly creatures, God did not tell us in His Word, if they have “a living soul.” or only “a soul”).

Living souls will never cease to exist. They will continue to exist forever, somewhere in God’s creation. The important thing for people to know and understand, is that they have “a living soul,” that will never cease to exist. Eternity is forever, and every human being will spend eternity somewhere, in heaven or in hell. There is no other place where people can go outside of heaven or hell. If anyone thinks they can leave this earth in their earthly body and go and live forever on some other planet, they are deceived in their own mind. See Acts 17:24-26.

The greatest deception of all is the idea that a created being can do their own will contrary to the will of God the Father. Even Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God could not do His own will. Of Himself, according to His own will, Jesus could do nothing (John 5:19,30).

Following the creation of Adam, it says in Genesis 2:19, **“And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.”** Of all these creatures, there was one creature among them called a serpent. It

says in Genesis 3:1, **“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”** From the Scriptures, we know that the serpent was deceived by Satan, the Devil before Eve was deceived by the serpent.

We see the judgment that came upon the serpent for his disobedience to the LORD God in Genesis 3:14, where it says, **“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”**

Don't Be Deceived

Eve was the “first human being” that was deceived by Satan, the Devil. But, Eve was not the only “living creature” that was deceived by Satan, the Devil.

Unfortunately, there are multitudes, “including Christians,” that are and will be deceived by the Devil. Therefore, in writing to Christians, it says in Galatians 6:7,8, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”**

Jesus' disciples came to Jesus in Matthew 15:12, saying, **“...Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?”** The Pharisees were deceived, by not knowing the truth. Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 15:14, **“Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”**

It would be very helpful if Christians would study the Scriptures, and be taught by God, that they are not deceived by the Devil, who uses other people, including many Christians to deceive multitudes of people.

Consider what is revealed in the Scriptures concerning Lucifer, now called Satan the Devil, and all those who were deceived before we came into this world. Then consider yourself. Why are you here in this world?

Did you ask God to let you come into this world before you were born? Did you ever ask God, why am I here in this world? If you will ask God these questions with an honest heart to know that truth, God will reveal it to you “in His Word,” which is called the Scriptures.

If you are a Christian, you should read in John 6:44, where Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** In John 1:13, it says, **“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”** Then in John 15:16, Jesus said, **“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”**

In Ephesians 1:3-5, it says, **“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 in love...Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.”**

Before Adam was created, God had already chosen those who are in Christ Jesus. God has great plans for every born again Christian. God wants Christians to be blessed **“...with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”**

How can God complete His plans for our lives, if we do not agree with God and His plans for our lives? If we do not desire to do the will of God in our life, how can God do His will in our life? If Christians want to do their own will, and not the will of God, what will happen to them in the end?

Every Christian that is truly born again into the Body of Christ, belongs to God “in Christ Jesus.” They are not their own, they are bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19,20). The price that God paid for us was the life of the flesh of Jesus Christ, which was in the precious blood of Jesus. God used

the blood of Jesus to pay the price for our redemption from the powers of Satan that held us in captivity until we came to the knowledge of the Truth, which is in Christ Jesus.

It was God, that had chosen us from the foundation of the world, that we could spend eternity with Him in heaven. God is love, and by His love He drew us to His Son, that we could become one in Christ Jesus for all eternity.

God is offering to us a position in heaven even greater than the position that Lucifer once held. If we will obey God, and do His will, we will be above the angels in heaven for all eternity. The “Sons of God.” (which are those who are led by the Holy Spirit), will judge angels according to 1 Corinthians 6:3. But, if we want to do our own will of the flesh, we could lose our position in heaven (Gal. 6:7,8).

Why do the Will of God?

If Christians would determine within themselves, that they will not do their own will, but they will do the will of God the Father, they will be blessed in everything they do. ***“The blessings of God will be upon them wherever they go.”***

Has God ever lied to anyone? If we believe God has lied to someone, we are believing a lie. In Titus 1:2, it says, **“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”** “God cannot lie.”

In John 8:44, Jesus said to certain Jews, who would not believe Him, **“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.”** The Devil is a liar, and he is the father of lies. The word “father” in this verse means, “the beginning.”

God is Truth, and God is the Father of Truth. The word “father,” here means, “the beginning.” God created truth. Without God there would not be any truth.

In John 14:6, Jesus said, **“...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Jesus is the Truth, and God is His Father.

No one can walk in the truth, unless the truth is in them. The world cannot walk in the truth, for they are not in Christ Jesus. Only Christians can walk in the Truth, for the Truth is in them and they are in Christ, who is the Truth.

The Devil has no truth in him. Truth and lies cannot have fellowship one with another. They are opposites of each other.

God is light and the Devil is darkness. In Genesis 1:2,3, it says, **“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters...And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”**

Why was darkness upon the face of the deep? Lucifer, who became the Devil was already cast down to the earth before Genesis 1:2. The Devil is a destroyer, and he destroys everything he can. At the time of Genesis 1:2, the earth was **“...in the water and out of the water.”** Where did the water come from? There is no mention in Genesis, Chapter One of God creating water. The water was already there from the first time the earth was destroyed (2 Peter 3:5,6).

Then God said, **“...Let there be light: and there was light.”** Where did the light come from? It came from God, as God spoke His Word. What kind of light was it? There were two kinds of light. One was, the light that separated the daytime from the nighttime. It was not the light of the sun or the moon, for the sun and the moon were not created until the fourth day. It was the light of the truth of the Word of God (Rev. 21:23; 22:5).

This light was a greater light than that of the sun and the moon. In 1 John 1:5,6, it says, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.”** What kind of light is 1 John 1:5,6, talking about? It is talking about the Truth of the Word of God. The same Truth that was with the Father from the beginning. The same Word of God that was with God from the beginning (John 1:1-3). The Light is the Truth of God which has power over all darkness.

Darkness cannot put out light. Light always puts out darkness. When light comes, darkness

leaves. Light and darkness are opposites of each other. Darkness and light cannot dwell together. Darkness and Light cannot have fellowship with each other.

God is Love (agape) (1 John 4:8). This English word **“Love,”** which in the Greek is **“agape”** is not the same as the Greek word **“phileo,”** which is also translated **“love,”** in many English versions of the Bible.

“Agape,” in the Greek is the love of God. It is not human love (“phileo” in the Greek). God is “agape” (love) and those who are born again in Christ Jesus have “agape” (love). Those who are not born again in Christ Jesus do not have “agape” (love). The Devil does not have “agape” (love). Therefore, the Devil cannot “agape” (love) anyone. There is no “agape” (love) in the Devil.

Those who are not born again “in Christ Jesus” do not have “agape” (love). Therefore, they cannot walk in love (agape). The highest form of love that the world has is the Greek word “phileo.”

Phileo (love) looks upon its own needs, before it looks upon the needs of others. When Christians understand the difference between “agape” and “phileo” they will begin to understand God. For God is Love. God is the opposite of the Devil, because the Devil does not have “agape” (love).

Those who are not born again do not have “agape” (love). Therefore, they cannot walk in love (agape).

This is “one” of the greatest deceptions within the body of Christ. Many Christians say they love others, but they are talking about “phileo” (love), not “agape” (love). Truly, they only love those who love them, and only when others do what they want them to do. Once, those whom they say they love do not do what they want them to do, they no longer love them. That is the way “phileo” (love) works. Phileo (love) does not love those who do not do what they want them to do.

Agape (love) loves everyone, even when others do not love them. God is love (agape). In John 3:16, it says, **“For God so loved (agapao) the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

The world does not “agape” (love) God. Because the world does not have “agape” (love). God is “agape” (love). Therefore, God demonstrated His “agape” (love) to the world by sending His Son, “Jesus” into the world, to take away the sin of the world. Jesus had the “agape” (love) of God in Him. Therefore, Jesus “willingly” did the will of God the Father. Jesus gave His life of the flesh (which was in the Blood) for the redemption of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Jesus did not die spiritually. Jesus died in the flesh, that we could live in the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18).

But, the whole world will not receive the love of God. Therefore, the whole world will not be saved. Only those who will receive the “agape” (love) of God, will be saved.

Until Christians get to know God, and the power of His “agape.” (love), they will not benefit from all that God has done for them in Christ Jesus. Many Christians are defeated in their lives today, because they still want to do their own will. They do not want to do the will of God in their lives. Therefore, God cannot bless them with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

If Christians want to be blessed by God, they must do the will of God and not their own will. God blesses those who do His will. But, God cannot bless those who do their own will.

A curse came upon the earth (ground) when Adam and Eve disobeyed the LORD God, and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:6-19). Yet, God promised to bless those who keep His commandments (Deu. 28:1-14). That promise was for those in the Old Covenant.

For Christians, we have even a greater blessing promised to us. We have a covenant that is much better than the covenant of the Law of Moses (Heb. 8:6). We have an inheritance in heaven, as Sons of God, which shall reign with Christ for all eternity, “if we obey the LORD and do His will.” If we turn back and do our own will, we could lose the greatest blessing God ever promised those who will obey Him.

Christians can be blessed upon this earth and in eternity in heaven, “if they keep the Commandments the LORD gave us.” We are not under the Law of Moses. We are under the New Covenant of Love (agape). If we walk in “agape” (love) we will be blessed by God. Jesus give us power over all the works of the Devil (Luke 10:19). But if we do not walk in Love (agape), this power over the Devil will not work for us in our lives.

Deception in the Body of Christ

The serpent in the garden of Eden was deceived by the Devil. The Devil used the serpent to deceive Eve. Eve was deceived, and she disobeyed the commandment of the LORD God, and did eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:1-6).

Then Eve gave Adam of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and Adam ate also (Gen. 3:6). This was the beginning of the greatest deception of mankind. Adam and Eve both “willingly” ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They did not do the will of the LORD God, who said to Adam, “**...Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (die die; two deaths)**” (Gen. 2:16,17).

Adam and Eve did not do the will of God. What about Christians today, are we going to do the will of God, or our own will?

The reason many Christians today are not blessed wherever they go, is that they have been deceived by the teachings of men. They have followed those who have raised themselves up as though they have power and authority over others. Many Christians do what others tell them to do, and they do not experience the power of God working in their own lives, to supply all that they have need of.

Are they doing the will of God? Or, are they doing the will of someone else who says they are doing the will of God. Many Christians are being deceived by those who love the world and everything that is in the world. The more they love the world and the things that are in the world, the more they are being deceived. The more they are deceived, the more others are deceived by following those who are deceived.

In 1 John 2:15-17, it says, “**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**”

Those who love the world and the things of this world are deceived by the god of this world. What they want, they get by doing their own will. They use the Bible to get others to do their will. What they say does not always agree with what the Word of God says. They teach from their natural minds, what they want to teach, so they can do what they want to do, and say they are doing the will of God.

We need to be “taught by God,” and know those among us who are doing their own will, and saying they are doing the will of God. We should not be deceived by those who are already deceived.

Christians who do the will of God will receive from God “the power of the Holy Spirit” to walk just as Jesus walked. Whatsoever they have need of, God will supply it. They will be taught by the Holy Spirit, how to live like Jesus lived.

Jesus said in John 14:12-14, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father...And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son...If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**”

Why are Christians not doing what Jesus said in John 14:13,14? When we do what Jesus said in John 14:13,14, we will be blessed beyond our understanding. But, it will not work if Christians are doing their own will of the flesh. We must be doing the will of God for John 14:13,14 to work for us.

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