

Howards Corner

Have you not understood yet?

We go to church and say a lot of words but what are they based on? Did they come from God's word, or did they come from your own understanding and our own mind and spirit? Or did they come from preachers that have made up their own gospel based on their own ideas? In today's world there are so many ideas that are being presented to the world and I am afraid the church has swallowed up these false words and ideas that have no basis in truth or fact, but they are popular and because others have believed them, they are passed down to others without consulting the word of God.

How sad that we are so easily deceived. You should know by now that the enemy of Jesus and of God has always had the strategy of deception and we that are men and women of this world who have a corrupt and incomplete spirit have been deceived in the garden a long time ago and have not come to true understanding after all these many centuries. You are permanently blind and there is no way to see except that the light and the truth of Jesus is abiding in you, but it is only the few that have received the light and have understood.

Gen3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

And how was she deceived?

Gen 3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

He started by misquoting what God had said but Eve did hear what God said and then she did correct the serpent.

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

So now the serpent comes back with a direct lie.

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So, Eve was deceived by these words did eat of the forbidden fruit which was a half-truth for you will certainly die is the truth, but you will not be like God but will know both good and evil, but our nature will be corrupted with some truths and some good but will be filled with much evil of not trusting God's word and substituting our own twists on God's word.

So, it is today, and it has been happening for many centuries that those of the world have slowly watered down the gospel of Jesus Christ with the ideas that Satan has put in their minds and hearts. Do you know that the power of Satan is darkness of half-truths and deceptions. He has always operated in the world with the power of the air which is the spirit of deception to pollute our minds with these thoughts and ideas. They always have some truth so that we think "well maybe that is right" but when we apply those thoughts and ideas they multiply until they are against God's truth which has no deceptions. The enemy then adds layer upon layer of deception until many are lost completely and are leading others to be lost. [2 Corinthians 11:3](#)

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

These deceptions have been going on for many years. The gospel of Jesus Christ has been diluted by many and we have lost that sincere and pure devotion to Christ. The scriptures sometimes say, "you have lost your first love". But I wonder how many in the churches of today have ever had that first love and devotion to the truth but put on a cloak that looks the part on the outside with rituals and ceremonies that cover up what is on the inside.

It is because we have a polluted spirit when man fell in garden. We will know some good and some evil so even when we do what we think are good works they are still filthy rags before the Lord.

[Isaiah](#)

[64:6](#)

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

You can compare it to a stream of water that has been polluted by mud and it can never be completely clean again no matter how we try to clean the water it is still

dingy and when you wash clothes, they are never quite clean but are permanently stained. So, our souls have this permanent stain that will not go away because no matter how many good works we do it does not cover up the stain of evil in our souls. So, if we do many good deeds, we still have the stain of sin in our lives and God cannot allow sin to be in His kingdom for He is righteous and cannot co-exist with evil. Therefore, when we put on this cloak of churchism and religion and rituals it does not make us clean so we still have this stain of sin which we cannot wash away. That is why you cannot work your way to heaven.

But there has been a way given but it requires us to finally understand that we are permanently stained by sin and not to trust in ourselves or our works or our wisdom to wash ourselves clean, but the solution is of the Lord only. For by His grace and our surrender to Him totally can we be cleaned. Righteous blood has been shed for us that surrender and accept this free gift of grace. We must then wash ourselves in this righteous blood to cleanse us. For we must appear before him in clean clothes!

1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

We see that we must walk in the light who is Jesus, and the blood purifies us of that stain that we could never get out but is cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. Then in Revelation 19 we see the bride of Christ

*Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
8 Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear."*

So, I earnestly plead with you to throw away those filthy rags of religion and churchism and your cloaks of righteousness for they will not be allowed in the eternal Kingdom of God. Only the righteous who have washed your robes in the blood of Jesus will be allowed in that kingdom.

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