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Rx For The Soul

I'm Not Afraid...
Ephes. 5:11

The devil
is not fighting religion;
he's too smart for that.
He is producing
a counterfeit
Christianity
so much like
the real one that good
Christians are afraid
to speak out against it.

Vance Havner



Will the heathen who
have not heard the
Gospel be saved...?

It is more a
question with me,
who have the Gospel
and fail to give it to
those who have not,
can be saved.

Charles Spurgeon



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Deception Hides Itself...in the Gospel!

Well...that's *almost true!* The Gospel is pure and spelled out clearly within scripture. The problem is that people don't realize is, that there's an adversary who opposes the truth of scripturebecause truth sets people free. Still.

This adversary is whom Jesus named as the *god of this world*, the devil. He has power and is a lot more experienced at using half-truths in our lives. And he uses our weakness to do so – the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.

Materialism, immorality, and power appeal to us all at one time or another!

So what does that headline really mean...? Let me explain.

The Apostle Paul is famous because he wrote half of the New Testament! He had a keen understanding of spiritual things after meeting Jesus on the Road to Damascus.

But, it was something he said that fascinated me. After 2 letters to the intellectuals of his day in Greece – whom he had converted in early years – he said he was **afraid!** Yes.

Writing to them about church growth, encouragement, and correction...at the end of the second letter, he said he was afraid of *deception*... for their sake. As Eve was deceived in the Garden, he too felt they might succumb to *another* gospel, *another* spirit, and *another* Jesus.¹ Did you know there's such a thing...?

Jesus was also concerned about deception, and warned us about it. Near the end of His life, walking from the temple in Jerusalem, His disciples asked "when endtimes would be?"²

Jesus didn't answer them. Instead, He said, "Take heed no one deceives you. For *many* will come in My name (as the **sent** by Me), saying I am the Christ and will deceive *many*." Jesus was warning deception will prevail in the endtimes!

Beware! Later on in the same conversation, Jesus gave a special warning to Believers - especially in Endtimes - that *even the elect might be susceptible*. People don't believe that because elsewhere Jesus promised that 'no one could snatch them from God's hand.'³ But-that doesn't mean they can't *jump out* by listening to the wrong voices and through disobedience! ⁴

Why else would Jesus give us this warning? Obey Him.

"Consider therefore the kindness and severity of God; severity to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in His kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off."⁵ *It's what the Bible says!*

So where does that bring us today...? Paul warns that "The Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teaching of demons, thru the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared..."⁶

Listening to wrong voices.

It is important that we all know. what the gospel **is!** Let me make it clear here:

God is Holy Heb. 12:14

Man is Sinful. Rom. 3:23

Grace of God Ephes 2:8,9

Jesus Christ John 3:16, 36

Faith in God. Rom. 10:9,10

Jesus Christ is called the watershed of Christianity...! So you can't be a part of the **body** and deny the **Head** –Jesus!

Except for cults, most people who describe themselves as Believers say they believe the above. But don't watch what they say, watch what they **do!**

These tenets described most denominations until recently.

Topics like water baptism, the gifts, and communion are *not* essential to our salvation. The above, **are!** It gets sticky here, because this is where most error occurs, behavior. .

Evangelicals are mostly *seeker-friendly* today. Not a lot of content – a crossless Christianity, about 'love', but no sin or repentance spoken.

Charismatics have evolved into Charismania...with the appointing of "apostles and prophets", as the latest voice of God. People travel to and fro seeking a personal 'word'. Totally messed up doctrines! @

It is fascinating to me that the definition of apostle is "to be **sent**." Didn't Jesus warn about people like this, in end-times especially...?

I have two Baptist pastor friends who preach the real gospel according and keep unscriptural 'worship out of their church that can suck their flock into some serious, *error*...Yet even the Baptists problems with a man in error - and narcissism – who has 18 churches he's started..

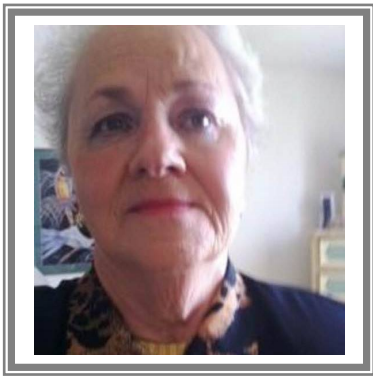
All of these 'seekers' want '**experiences**' i.e. signs and wonders.' *It's itching ears*..

It's like a child who says he doesn't wanna do homework, or have chores to do. The wise parent knows it is thru the mundane that we will grow up and mature. Life is not all Fun & Games, else we **never** grow up...! ⁷

Further, we need to understand the Love of God! If we do not, it is a straight road to deception! The love of God is not warm and fuzzy. It is *clinical and fierce*...but holy!

If you believe His love is a sloppy agape ideal, it will be used against you in future days. You will be required to embrace (tolerate) everything in the name of *Love & Unity* before the antichrist rises.

Christians were thrown to the lions back in Rome for being *atheists*! They would only embrace **one** God – Rome had **many!** Make sure you know the **real** Love of God and the **real** Gospel...!



***Silence in the face
of Evil, is Evil
Not to Speak is to
Speak. Not to Act
is to Act.***

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Before 9am each day,
Planned Parenthood kills
more babies than
massshootings ever did.

Rise Up. Speak Out.

Heaven don't miss it for the World



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8) Matt. 27:18 9) Matt. 7:21-25
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*A daily devotion writes 365
Scriptures on your heart!
Three years make 1000!*

*How cool is it
that the same God who created
created mountains, oceans & galaxies
looked at you
and thought the world needed
one of you too!*

Will America Survive the *Hatred*...? Pg 2

‘ That is a disturbing question! You’re no doubt asking, *WHAT* does that have to do with today? Well.... Every Thing... !

Everyone knows the vitriol and all the accusations heralded by both the ultra left and also the right. I read on Twitter a fellow who said he was so sick of it, he didn’t think he would even vote. Yeah right, and just let those who are working for socialism WIN...!? That’s not a viable alternative!

So, what is a viable alternative?

And vitriol often erupts into conflict. So how do we defeat it?

If you have read the gospels, you know that Jesus’ enemies were always gathered around, questioning him directly or plotting against Him to kill him. Religious leaders, too. Pilate even recognized that it was out of envy that religious leaders wanted him gone.⁸

So what did Jesus do? I think Billy Graham best described it years ago when I heard him interviewed. The host shared an accusation with the audience that had been heralded against Billy. When the host asked him what he had to say about it, I will never forget Billy’s answer. It was like magic to me!

Billy calmly looked at the host and said, “I never answer my critics.” He must have gotten that from God, because Jesus didn’t answer them (often) either! Billy knew what his *mission* was, and if he got mired down by critics – he soon wouldn’t be very effective.

We are heralds of Light into the Darkness, so there will indeed be resistance! Misguided believers may even join the camp of critics. But I learned decades ago, misguided people are not God’s fault! So don’t blame Him....!!

Our calling as ministers of Light is to bring illumination to peoples’ *misunderstanding*...in spite of the hatred... without being drawn into it! Some will hear... but some won’t. Same thing with Jesus. Same thing with Billy Graham. We can’t win them all, so give it up! And we **will** have our critics, so get used to it.

When I was in sales, I had to get used to ‘No’s’ and not take it as personal rejection. The good salesman understands that. Poor salesman are..... poor. (*Couldn’t help this.*)

So in order to defeat the vitriol that’s so publicly displayed...we have to know what our mission is! Be mission-minded and **Arm Up** with knowledge (what) and wisdom (how-to). *Know your product* like good salesmen do! The gospel message is **still** Good News! The last thing Jesus said before leaving earth is GO...! Have you left the *church building*? Gone to your neighbor...? Called a Senator?

The only thing you will be accountable for is – *doing God’s will!* Jesus even said not everyone who says the right thing (Lord, Lord) will enter into heaven, but those who DO His will, *present tense*.⁹ If you are living in Romans 7th chapter, of “I can’t, I don’t, and *defeated*”....then transition to Romans 8th chapter. Seven is the inability of self, mirrored by 35 **I’s, Me’s, My’s**. Eighth chapter is about living a Spirit-led life mirrored by 16 mentions of the **Spirit!** It’s your choice, Friend! It’s the contrast between a carnal life & spiritual life!

*Fight against something and we focus
on the thing we hate. Fight for something
and we focus on the thing we love.*

Jason Smallwood.

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Ask Agatha – Punt Your Fears and Doubts!

Dear Agatha: . Abby, I am married and have two toddler under foot. My husband won’t discuss this with me cause he doesn’t want to ‘dwell on it.’ I want to know how to deal with my fears for the future. I believe in God, go to church and all – I seem preoccupied with worry about war and how to raise my girls in a world so filled with uncertainty and terror. How can I trust God more...? **Anna**

Dear Anna: It seems like

everyone is living with one eye on the future today. I think it’s especially difficult when you have little ones!

God doesn’t want your daily life bound up with fear. I read that ‘Do not Fear...’ is found in the Bible 365 times. That’s one for every day! And worry actually ties God’s hands., because they are the very antonym of faith. Without faith it’s impossible to please God for all who draw near to God *must* believe that He is, and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him....¹⁰

You believe in God....but do you believe He rewards His people...?

So you may ask, how can I get faith...? The more we renew our minds via scripture the more we see/know God.

“Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.¹¹ I heard someone say recently that scripture was to him...

Jesus in Print! I love it, because that’s exactly what happened to me! Devotions and prayer are not a monologue, it’s a dialogue. So take pen and paper and write down what impacts you in your daily devotions.

We’ve all asked in ignorance or with wrong motives & experienced unanswered prayers. God is bigger than your *fears!*

Read Ps. 37 and Ps.91. Learn about the authority given you in *Jesus’ Name* in Luke 10:19. Pray these over your children. Buy CBN’s Superbook and watch them with your kids!

Whatever you think of God, eternity is too long to be wrong! Punt your doubts Trust God, and place your children in God’s capable hands... He loves them more than *you* do, Anna!

It’s too late to tell me all this doesn’t work... **Smile.**