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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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It's Not What You Think

2 CORINTHIANS 11:14 NKJV – (14) No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

As I am driving down the road and I find myself so hungry! I look up at a bill board and it has this hamburger that simply looks delicious! Its thick, stacked with fresh vegetables, melted cheese and a thick piece of beef between it all. My mind is made up, I want this sandwich. So I proceed to the restaurant to get this sandwich. I order and the sandwich is placed in a bag and given to me. When I took the sandwich out the bag and unwrapped the wrapper around the sandwich, the hamburger didn't look anything like the picture I saw on the billboard. My brothers and sisters in the faith, everything is not what you think! It may look incorrect or it may sound incorrect.

Satan works the same way. He conducts himself as an angel of light, but he is full of darkness, deceit, ungodly compromise and discouragement. What the Apostle Paul has just said in the passage above is that his critics in Corinth posed falsely as Apostles of Christ. But he is not surprised at this when he figures out of the tactics of their master. Satan is commonly pictured today as horned, evil looking red creature with a tail. But such, of course, is far removed from the manner in which he presents himself to men.

Others think of Satan in connection with a poor drunkard, wallowing in the gutter on skid row. But this, too, is a false impression of what Satan is really like. This verse tells us that Satan masquerades as an angel of light. Perhaps by way of illustration we might say he poses as a minister of the gospel, wearing religious clothing and standing in the pulpit of a fashionable church. He uses religious words such as God, Jesus and the Bible. But he deludes his hearers, teaching that salvation is by good works or by human merit. He does not preach redemption through the blood of Christ.

My brothers and sisters, don't be deceived, "Everything is not what you think!" There are ways of discovering if what has been spoken is true. How? The "Fruit" of the person. What are they teaching? Do you know? Even the Bereans investigated the teachings of Paul. Are you going through the motions just wanting to be a part of? You must study thyself approved? Keep in mind, nobody is perfect, but Satan believes he is.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 10:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Spirituality is not a religion, being spiritual just means you are in touch with your divine self.

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