

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 11:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WITH THIS MIND – PART 4

Developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text;

2 Corinthians 11:1-4

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Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly - - and indeed you do bear with me. **2** For I am **jealous** for you with **godly jealousy**. For I have **betrothed** you to one husband, that I may **present** you as a **chaste virgin** to Christ. **3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent **deceived** Eve by his **craftiness**, so your minds may be **corrupted** from **the simplicity that is in Christ**. **4** For **(1)** if he who comes preaches **ANOTHER JESUS** whom **we have not preached**, or **(2)** if you receive a **DIFFERENT SPIRIT** which **you have not received**, or **(3)** a **DIFFERENT GOSPEL** which **you have not accepted** - - you may well **put up** with it!

Authenticity is Attractive in Any Arena.

But when it comes to spiritual matters, authenticity is a requirement.

The Apostle Paul was a Man

Who knew what he was in light of Who Jesus Christ is.

It Was Never Paul's Mode of Operation

To brag or boast about what God had done in his life. He was able to simply look around at what God had done through him.

*"For it is God who works in you both **to will** and **to do** for His good pleasure."*

Philippians 2:13

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1.) Increasing Joy - Greater Assurance

v. 1-3a

2.) Greater Assurance - Stronger Faith

v. 3b

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The Gospel was Paul's Life.

The Simplicity of it, The Proclamation of it; That was his Purpose.

He offers no Apology Regarding this. Others could speak better or sound more impressive, but they didn't have a better message.

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined **not to know anything** among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but **to preach the gospel**, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. :18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved **it is the power of God.**

3.) Stronger Faith – Spiritual Discernment

v. 4

For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom **we have not preached**, or if you receive a **different spirit** which **you have not received**, or a **different gospel** which **you have not accepted** - - **you may well put up with it!**

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STRONGER FAITH – SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

3a.) Identifying the Counterfeits

v. 4a

2 Corinthians 11:4a

For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom **we have not preached**,

??? How Do You Know If You're Following the Right Jesus ???

Another ἄλλος **allos**, *al'-los*; someone - "else," someone - different, a replacement, someone other than the real.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Acts 4:12, 1Timothy 2:5, Philipians 2:10

**If you're following a different Jesus,
Then you have no salvation. You have no forgiveness, you have no heaven.**

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest anyone **cheat you** through **philosophy** and **empty deceit**, according to the **traditions of men**, according to the **basic principles** of the world, and not according to Christ.

**We Learn to Identify the Counterfeits by Knowing
The Truth. Nowhere in Scripture are We Encouraged to Know the False.**

Who is the Biblical Jesus Christ?

The Bible says that;

- (1) The "Biblical Jesus" is Alone Christ. (2) The "Biblical Jesus" is Almighty God.**
- (3) The "Biblical Jesus" is the Creator. (4) The "Biblical Jesus" is LORD.**
- (5) The "Biblical Jesus" is God's only Son. (6) The "Biblical Jesus" is Eternal.**
- (7) The "Biblical Jesus" is God Incarnate. (8) The "Biblical Jesus" is Salvation.**

What Do We Know About the Biblical Jesus Christ?

The Bible says that the Biblical Jesus...

(1) had to be prophesied of in the Old Testament (2) had to be conceived of God the Holy Spirit (3) had to be born of a virgin woman (4) had to be born in Bethlehem of Judea (5) had to reside in Nazareth (6) had to preach, teach, and display the Kingdom of God in power (7) had to fulfill the Old Testament requirements (8) had to satisfy the righteousness of God.

Revelation 1:7-8 says that **Jesus** is the "**Almighty**",
But Genesis 17:1 says that the **Almighty** is **God**.

John 8:58 says that **Jesus** is the "**I Am**",
But Exodus 3:14 says that the "**I Am**" is **God**.

Acts 3:14 says that **Jesus** is the "**HOLY ONE**",
But Isaiah 43:15 says that the "**HOLY ONE**" is **God**.

John 8:24 says that **Jesus** is the "**I Am He**",
But Isaiah 43:10 says that the "**I Am He**" is **God**.

Revelation 22:13 says that **Jesus** is the "**First and the Last**",
But Isaiah 44:6 says that the "**First and the Last**" is **God**.

I Corinthians 10:4 says that **Jesus** is "**The Rock**",
Psalm 18:31 says that "**The Rock**" is **God**.

John 5:21 says that **Jesus** raises the dead,
But 1 Sam 2:6 says that **God** raises the dead.

John 8:12 says that **Jesus** is the "**Light**",
But Isaiah 60:19-20 says that **God** is the "**Light**".

Matt 25:31-46 says that **Jesus** is the Judge
But in Joel 3:12 it says that God is the **Judge**

Colossians 1:16 says that **Jesus** is the Creator of angels:
But Psalm 148:5 says that the **Creator of angels** is God

Heb 1:6 says that angels worshiped **Jesus**
But in Psalm 148:2 it says that angles **worship God**

II Corinthians 11:2 says that **Jesus** is the "**One HUSBAND**"
But Jeremiah 31:32 says that the "**One HUSBAND**" is God

Matthew 23:8 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE MASTER"
But Malachi 1:6 says that the "**ONE MASTER**" is God

John 10:16 says that **Jesus** is the "One SHEPHERD"
But Isaiah 40:11 says that the "**ONE SHEPHERD**" is God

Acts 4:12 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE SAVIOR"
But Isaiah 45:21 says that the "**ONE SAVIOR**" is God

Luke 1:68 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE REDEEMER"
But Isaiah 41:14 says that the "**ONE REDEEMER**" is God

Revelation 19:16 says that **Jesus** is "LORD OF LORDS"
Deuteronomy 10:17 says that the "**LORD OF LORDS**" is God

Philippians 2:10 says that Every knee must bow to **Jesus**
But Isaiah 45:23 says that Every knee must **bow** to God

John 1: 3-10 says that **Jesus** is the "ONE CREATOR"
But Genesis 1:1 says that the "**ONE CREATOR**" is God

John 1:49 says that **Jesus** is "KING OF ISRAEL"
But Isaiah 44:6 says that the "**KING OF ISRAEL**" is God

WITH THIS MIND STRONGER FAITH – SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

3b.) Resisting the World

v. 4b

or if you receive (*allow*) a **different spirit** which **you have not received**, (*been given*)

Spirit ἕτερος **heteros**, *het'-er-os*; a false or aberrant influence. a foreign, or strange light or fire. Something that is a manifestation of - but not the same as.

What's Implied Here is

a "spirit" or a "spiritual influence" that is not of God.

This is a Warning Against "Spirituality"

Spirituality is one of the hunger pains of the Human Soul. There is within Every Human Being a Drive to Connect to the Spiritual realm.

Discernment

To discriminate, set apart, to separate, to judge one from another.
To divide out from what is right or wrong.

2 Timothy 3:15

and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you **wise** (*discerning*) for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age (*spiritually mature*), that is, those who **by reason of use** have their **senses exercised** to **discern** both good and evil. (*truth from error*)

This is What's Behind a "False Church Movement"

*It says it's the same. It looks the same. It sounds the same.
But there are areas of departure from what is a biblical church.*

This is What's Happening as I speak to You Today. Within Christianity, Invaders Have Crept In.

Jude 1:4 NLT

I say this because some ungodly people have **wormed their way into** your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 2:1-3a

But there were also **false prophets among the people**, even as there **will be false teachers among you**, who will **secretly bring in** destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And **many will follow their destructive ways**, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with **deceptive words**.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the **Spirit** expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, **(1)** giving heed (*to grant attention*) to **deceiving spirits** and **(2)** doctrines (*teachings, instructions, audience*) of demons

- (1) Who is behind **The Undermining of Biblical Authority** ?
- (2) Who is behind **the Redefinition of Marriage** ?
- (3) Who is behind **The Teaching of Emotional Theology** ?
- (4) Who is behind **Private Interpretations of Scripture** ?
- (5) Who is behind **The Lawlessness We're Seeing** ?
- (6) Who is behind **The Explosion of False Churches** ?
- (7) Who is behind **The Abortion Agenda** ?

>>>> Man-Made Christianity Teaches <<<<

You can be a Christian **Adulterer**, You can be a Christian **Thief**,
You can be a Christian **Sodomite**, You can be a Christian **Liar**,
You can be a Christian **Homosexual** – Of course you can, if you redefine and reinterpret the Bible
and make it say what it doesn't say

this "spirit" is something other than the Holy Spirit.
This is a "spirit-spirituality" -
(Sedona, Hollywood, Laguna Beach, Malibu, Napa, Boulder)

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and **an antichrist**.

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:22 KJV

Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He **is antichrist**, that denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And **this is the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Mark 13:22

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to **seduce**, if it were possible, even the elect.

Luke 21:8

And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' **Therefore do not go after them.**"

Matt. 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16** You will know them by their fruits.

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STRONGER FAITH – SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

3c.) Exposing the Darkness

v. 4c

or a **different gospel** which **you have not accepted** - - you may well **put up** with it!

Different ἕτερος **heteros**, *het'-er-os*; another, but not the same. That which is off course or different from the original. That which has been altered, something mutated, something strange.

Paul ends in Verse 4 with a Sad Rebuke when he says;

"You may well put up with it (all) !"

"O you Corinthians, You have allowed yourselves to tolerate the wrong thing and you have become intolerant with what is the right thing."

"I cannot warn you enough – watch out for **"spiritual gatherings"** with **"spiritual jargon"** and **"spiritual feelings"** and **"spiritual signs"** but the full-gospel, the bible from cover to cover is missing.

The Stronger Your Faith, The Greater Your Discernment to Identify the False

Deception by nature is subtle and Satan is the master of it.
He is a gradualist as well as the most effective revisionist.

All Cannot Be Right – Go As Far Back as You Can – To The Source

Mormons are nice people

and if “nice” got you into heaven, they would be ahead of us – but it’s not.

The Book of Mormon and the LDS declare that;
They Have “Another Gospel or Testament. A Second Testament Gospel”
(given by a spirit going by the name of - The Angel Moroni)

Muslims are a zealous lot

and if “zeal” got you into heaven, they would be ahead of us – but it’s not.

The Quran, The Book of Islam and the Muslims declare that;
They Have “Another Gospel or Another Testament. A Second Gospel”
(given by a spirit going by the name of – The Angel Gabriel)

700 years before Islam and **2,000** years before Mormonism, The Bible said;

Gal. 1:6-9

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into **the grace (free) of Christ** unto **another (altered) gospel**: **7** Which is not **another (same)**; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert (metastrepho)** the gospel of Christ. **8** But though **we**, or an **angel** from heaven, preach any **other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be **accursed**. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any **other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be **accursed**.

What have you become “tolerant” of ?

What biblical mandates have you set aside so you can be “tolerant”

People are only willing to “tolerate” that which is convenient for them.
If something should arise that upsets them, they will be quick to be intolerant.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

End of Study

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