

# DANGEROUS DECEPTIONS (1)

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Since the beginning, there has been deception.
  - 1. Garden of Eden. Gen 2:16,17; 3:1-4 one little word.
  - 2. Jacob and Esau. Gen. 27:1-29 Took his blessing.
  - 3. Laban and Jacob. Gen. 29:18-30 Leah And Rachel.
  - 4. Joseph's Brothers. Gen. 37:12-36 Implied Joseph dead.
- B. Deception, is dangerous - It is purposeful, misleading, intending to cause others to believe they are going or doing right. Deception can kill.
  - 1. Changing or removing a road sign that warns of danger.
  - 2. Saying certain medications safe when used together.
  - 3. Using an incorrectly-packed parachute.
- C. All are deceptions, some intentional, others unintentional, but results same: Death or injury. As dangerous as these are, there are other, more dangerous deceptions in religion which lead to the destruction of the soul.
- D. Christians must not be ignorant of the devil's devices (2Cor. 2:11).
- E. Look at some dangerous deceptions and see how truth answers.

## DISCUSSION:

### I. MAN CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF

- A. Therefore He Has To Do Nothing.
  - 1. *"The sinner is so spiritually bankrupt that he can do nothing pertaining to his salvation. Men are unable of themselves to repent, to believe the gospel, or to come to Christ. They have no power within themselves to change their natures or to prepare themselves for salvation."* David Steele, Curtis Thomas; Five Points of Calvinism.
  - 2. *"Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation - it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God."* A Comparison of Calvinism & Arminianism by David Steele and Curtis Thomas (See notes)
  - 3. Scripture used to defend
    - a) Psa 51:5 Born in sin.
    - b) Eccl. 9:3 Man's heart is "full of evil."
    - c) Rom 8:7,8 Mind set on the flesh cannot submit to God's law.
- B. God's Word Says: Acts 2:40
  - 1. We choose whom to follow. Rom. 6:16-19
  - 2. We can choose to disobey. Jer. 6:16; Josh 24:15
  - 3. We must take action: believe Mk 16:16; repent. Acts 17:30; confess Rom 10:9,10; be baptized. Acts 2:38

### II. GOD ACCEPTS ALL

- A. As They Are, Without Repentance. 2Pet. 3:9

- 1. God is such a loving God. 1John 4:8-16
- 2. Must be "tolerant" of those who are different.
- 3. Premise that sinful lifestyles must be accepted.
- B. God's Word Says: make a change. Acts 26:20
  - 1. Must believe that He is. Heb 11:6
  - 2. Ungodly will not inherit the kingdom. 1Cor 6:9-11

### III. GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

- A. Of Sinners. 1Jhn 1:9 - "Ask Jesus into your heart." (cf. Rev. 3:10) - idea that anyone at anytime may pray to God and have prayers answered. (see "sinners prayer")
  - 1. God's Word Says: God hears those who worship Him. Jhn 9:3; 1Jhn 1:9 written to Christians.
  - 2. Some prayers abomination Prov. 28:9; Psa. 66:18
- B. As We Desire and Expect. 1Jhn 5:15 - Whatever we ask, Jesus is supposed to provide, regardless. As His followers, we will be constantly provided for. Not what Rom. 8:28 teaches
  - 1. God's word says: conditional answers. 1Jhn 3:22; 5:14
  - 3. To be done in Christ's name. Eph. 5:20 God's answer may not be ours!

## CONCLUSION:

- A. Some are close to truth. In fact, all have some element of truth. But, some truth is not all truth, and partial truth is no truth.
- B. A little lie will result in a big mistake. Just ask Eve! Just one little word - "not" - brought sin and condemnation.
- C. The only thing that will save us from eternal condemnation is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- D. That truth is the word of God and it alone. It is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe. Rom 1:16

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