

# 1 John 2 - Who Will Be Deceived?

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## THE DANGER

### Acts 20:26–31

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I **HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE UNTO YOU ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD.**

28 **TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, OVER THE WHICH THE HOLY GHOST HATH MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.**

29 **FOR I KNOW THIS, THAT AFTER MY DEPARTING SHALL GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK.**

30 **ALSO OF YOUR OWN SELVES SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM.**

31 **THEREFORE WATCH, AND REMEMBER, THAT BY THE SPACE OF THREE YEARS I CEASED NOT TO WARN EVERY ONE NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS.**

| SHEPHERD                                   | WOLF  |
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| <i>feeds and cares for the flock</i>       | <i>feeds and cares for himself using the flock</i>                  |
| <i>lays down (sacrifices) his own life</i> | <i>preserves and protects his own life by sacrificing the sheep</i> |

### 1 John 2:18–29

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.

19 **THEY WENT OUT FROM US,** but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

#### WHO WILL BE DECEIVED?

1. **the IMPURE** - those with unsundered, lustful, carnal hearts which can be baited
2. **the DECEITFUL** - those with a religious facade, hiding what is within, living in the darkness where every evil work will manifest
3. **the DISTRACTED** - those distracted with legalism, controversies, superstition, debates, religious dogma, witch hunts, etc. taking them away from

*mainstream, sound, Biblical doctrine of holiness*

4. **the DETACHED** - *those who do not have a healthy, growing communion with the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit*

### 1 Timothy 4:1–8

1 **NOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY, THAT IN THE LATTER TIMES SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS;**

#### **the IMPURE**

*Before evil spirits and devils can seduce, there must be something in your heart that is wanting to be seduced. Bait loses its power in the absence of lust.*

2 **SPEAKING LIES IN HYPOCRISY; HAVING THEIR CONSCIENCE SEARED** (*cauterize, to render insensitive*) **WITH A HOT IRON;**

#### **the DECEITFUL**

*The hypocrite is a play actor, creating an exterior appearance and facade to hide and protect the festering carnal lusts within. With the conscience seared, discernment is lost.*

3 **FORBIDDING TO MARRY, AND COMMANDING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEATS,** which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

#### **the DISTRACTED**

*Genuine Christianity always pursues godliness (vs. 7), but a religious facade is void of authenticity and therefore pursues legalism, religious dogma, peripheral controversies, debates, superstitions, sensationalism, "witch hunts", fads and trends, etc. (vs. 7 "old wives fables").*

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 **BUT REFUSE PROFANE AND OLD WIVES' FABLES, AND EXERCISE** (*gymnázō - to exercise vigorously, to prepare*) **THYSELF RATHER UNTO GODLINESS.**

8 **FOR BODILY EXERCISE PROFITETH LITTLE: BUT GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE UNTO ALL THINGS, HAVING PROMISE OF THE LIFE THAT NOW IS, AND OF THAT WHICH IS TO COME.**

- *The more we pursue and exercise in godliness - “mainstream” Bible, Christ-like character - the less likely we will be deceived.*
- *The more we are distracted by legalism, religious dogma, peripheral controversies, debates, superstitions, sensationalism, “witch hunts”, fads and trends, etc. - the more likely we will be deceived.*

**2 Timothy 3:1–17**

1 This know also, **THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME.**

2 **FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES,** covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD;**

the IMPURE...

5 **HAVING A FORM (shape, appearance) OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.**

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

the DECEITFUL...

7 **EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.**

the DISTRACTED...

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 **BUT THEY SHALL PROCEED NO FURTHER: FOR THEIR FOLLY SHALL BE MANIFEST UNTO ALL MEN, AS THEIRS ALSO WAS.**

10 **BUT THOU HAST FULLY KNOWN MY DOCTRINE, MANNER OF LIFE, PURPOSE, FAITH, LONGSUFFERING, CHARITY, PATIENCE,**

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 **BUT EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING, AND BEING DECEIVED.**

14 But **CONTINUE THOU IN THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST LEARNED AND HAST BEEN ASSURED OF, KNOWING OF WHOM THOU HAST LEARNED THEM;**

15 **AND THAT FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS.**

- Continue in what has been tested and proven to be the Truth.
- Continue in the mainstream, foundational, Biblical truth of holiness.

**Jeremiah 6:16**

*"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein."*

16 **ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

17 **THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.**

**1 John 2:24–28**

24 **LET THAT THEREFORE ABIDE IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING.** If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, **YE ALSO SHALL CONTINUE IN THE SON, AND IN THE FATHER.**

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

26 **THESE THINGS HAVE I WRITTEN UNTO YOU CONCERNING THEM THAT SEDUCE YOU.**

27 **BUT THE ANOINTING WHICH YE HAVE RECEIVED OF HIM ABIDETH IN YOU, AND YE NEED NOT THAT ANY MAN TEACH YOU: BUT AS THE SAME ANOINTING TEACHETH YOU OF ALL THINGS, AND IS TRUTH, AND IS NO LIE, AND EVEN AS IT HATH TAUGHT YOU, YE SHALL ABIDE IN HIM.**

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

**the DETACHED**

*Without an abiding, healthy, growing relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, you have no discernment between Truth and error.*

**2 Corinthians 1:13**

**"FOR WE WRITE NONE OTHER THINGS UNTO YOU, THAN WHAT YE READ OR ACKNOWLEDGE (to recognize, understand, perceive); AND I TRUST YE SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE EVEN TO THE END."**

**2 Corinthians 1:21–22**

21 **NOW HE WHICH STABLISHETH US WITH YOU IN CHRIST, AND HATH ANOINTED US, IS GOD;**

22 **WHO HATH ALSO SEALED US, AND GIVEN THE EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.**