

The Simplicity of Christ

II Corinthians 11:3

Matthew 19:14 “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. “

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Luke 18:17 “Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

- I. The Simplicity of the Saviour
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...”
John 6:37, Matthew 11:28
- II. The Simplicity of Salvation
“...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish...”
Ephesians 2: 8-9, Romans 6:23
- III. The Simplicity of Security
“..., but have everlasting life.”
John 6:37, I John 5:11-13

If It Is So Simple, Why Are So Many Deceived?

The Devil Is a Deceiver

Revelation 20:10

“And the devil that **deceived** them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

Religion is Deceiving

Matthew 24:11

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall **deceive** many”

Colossians 2:8

“Beware lest any **man** spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the **tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**”

Matthew 7:21-29

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Riches Deceive

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Mark 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

We Deceive Our Own Self

I Corinthians 3:18

*“Let no man **deceive** himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. “*

I John 1:8

*“If we say that we have no sin, we **deceive** ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*

Proverbs 21:2

*“Every way of a man is **right in his own eyes**: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.”*

There is NO Excuse for being deceived!

Jesus Asks this Question **“Have Ye Not Read?”**

Matthew 12:3, 12:5, 19:4, 21:16, 21:42, 22:31

Conclusion

Galatians 2:21 “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”