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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Liars are deceivers.

Galatians 1:6 – 7 *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."*

Satan is very powerful, he is very persuasive, he comes in the light of Christianity but is a deceiver. He is so sly he can even fool some Christians. As Christians we need to keep our faith charged up because no one is beyond being deceived, Satan is just that powerful. If you fail to charge your spiritual energy every day, if you fail to pray and read your bible every day, if you fail to attend church every week, **you are a target for Satan's deception**. We must always remember how God saved us, by His grace and through faith, we had nothing to do with our salvation **because it is a gift from God**. We must always remember that God said there is only one gospel, Paul describes that gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 4 *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"* It is without question the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, nothing more and nothing less. Paul said this is the very gospel that saved him, and it's the very gospel that saved every sinner that is ever saved. It is Satan's goal through his liars and deceivers to change the gospel for another one that includes works. Paul clearly states the message of the Gospel, because it was this message that the Judaizers were changing. Verses 3 - 5 *"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, (4) Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: (5) To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* Therefore, Paul made it a very important point that if you saved through this gospel then never listen to the Judaizers, who were changing the gospel to include works. Today, in our time they are called Arminian's, these people get their name from Jacobus Arminius who was Protestant who taught based on the theological ideas of the Dutch Reformed theologian's that works are part of the gospel. His goal was to combat the Sovereignty of God with works for salvation. Basically, he was an arm of Satan's liars and deceivers to combat the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their still teachers of his lies in the world today, they are everyone who teaches works for salvation. Anyone who teaches that a person must do anything for salvation is a deceiver and is

preaching Satan's lies. Ephesians 2:9 "*Not of works...*", Romans 3:20 "*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*", 2 Timothy 1:9 "*Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*". I could go on and on with scriptures that call them liars, but my space is limited. God said just how these deceivers would change the truth into Satan's lie, "*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: (25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.*" Amen. Romans 1:24 – 25 Folks, we must understand that Satan is very sly, cunning, and deceiving, God said he comes as an angel of light but he is a liar and a murderer. 2 Corinthians 11:14 - 15 "*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*" Their messages are always passive, they teach no doctrine, they always tell people how God wants them to prosper in life. But, behind their phony smile is an evil heart spreading lies, and their reward from Satan is piles of money hid in their houses. Loads and loads of money, because Satan blesses his own servants, but their destiny is the eternal fires of hell. There is an old true saying, if you play with fire you're going to get burnt. If you play with the devil, if you play in the world's system and thinking, you're going to fall into Satan's deceptive trap. "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*" Matthew 6:24 Always remember the grace that delivered you and the gospel message that saved you. Because, works takes glory away from Jesus Christ and gives that glory to man's works, God warned us of this, beware!

Zeal Without Knowledge

By Elder Curtis Pugh

Often zeal is a good thing. Zeal or enthusiasm for good things is to be commended. Being a "deadhead" on the job or as a parent or in service for the Lord makes life a burden. In the matter of our relationship with Him Christ said: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent," (Revelation 3:19). Not only do lost sinners need to repent, Christians also are guilty of sins daily. Walking with God is a matter of daily repentance.

But zeal or enthusiasm is a bad thing when it is coupled with ignorance. Two very young boys wanted to please their father. While he was at work they busied themselves in the garage with house paint, coating the family car a new color. They had zeal for a thing, but in their ignorance their enthusiasm caused them to do something harmful and costly. In religious matters zeal, coupled with ignorance, does much harm. We are well aware that there are religious zealots in this world who in their zeal beat their wives, mutilate their daughters and murder those who do not convert. The thief also may be zealous when he comes to steal and to destroy.

In Paul's day the Jews had great enthusiasm for the Old Testament Law. They had so much zeal for the Law that they missed Christ. Paul wrote of them: "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth," (Romans 10:2-4). Paul said that the righteousness which makes one acceptable to God is in Christ. He is the end of the Law for righteousness. Christ taught that the Old Testament Law-system was done away with when John the Baptist began to preach. He said, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man [individual people] presseth into it," (Luke 16:16).

And yet a great many people, some of them claiming to be following Christ, are busy trying to establish their own righteousness by their attempt at keeping the Law. (Usually they pick and choose what parts of the Old Testament Law they want to keep.) But no man ever kept the Law. It was decided by the apostles and elders long ago that converts to Christ should not have the Law imposed upon them. Peter said regarding the Gentile converts and the Law, "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they," (Acts 15:10-11). "...By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified," (Galatians 2:16). Be zealous, but according to truth!