

2 CORINTHIANS LESSON 19

Chapter 11:1-15, Falsehood Disguised as Christian Practice in the Church

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1-2 **“Godly jealousy.”** God’s name is Jealous (Exod. 34:14).

- Jealousy is a product of love. God’s ministers love God’s people. When God’s people are unfaithful, it provokes jealousy.

“I have espoused you to one husband.” New Testament believers are espoused to Jesus Christ.

- Israel was the wife of God the Father (Jer. 3:14, Isa 54:5).
- The New Testament Church will be the Bride of Jesus Christ (Rev. 19, 20, Rom 7:4).

“That I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

- We are espoused until the Marriage, and expected to be faithful to the Lord (Eph. 5:25-27), fully devoted to Him and no others.

Vs 3 **“As the serpent beguiled Eve...”** Satan’s method with Eve was an appeal to place herself in the position of authority instead of the word of God. He said, “Ye shall be as gods.”

“...so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

- Satan desires to beguile us today in the same way. He wants us to exalt ourselves above the word of God so that we no longer trust or heed what God said.
 - Many religious practices and doctrines come from men’s imaginations, not the bible.
- Don’t let the devil convince you that you can live as you please and claim to be serving God.
- Don’t blindly follow a religion whose practices don’t agree with the written word of God.

Vs 4 **“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus...”**

- If the Jesus preached in your church is not God manifest in the flesh, second member of the Godhead, the Son of the Living God who died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, risen from the dead, the only way to heaven, against false religions, you have another Jesus.

“...or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received...” If you are saved, you received the Holy Spirit at the moment of your salvation. Any spirit received after that is another spirit.

“...or another gospel, which ye have not accepted.” The gospel is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

“...ye might well bear with him.” Paul’s fear was that believers might get to a place where they begin tolerating those who preach another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel.

- **See Gal. 1:6-9.** Anyone who has a gospel that attributes salvation to something other than Jesus Christ (water baptism, sacraments, covenants, good works, universalism and denial of hell, etc.), you must count them as accursed.

5-12 Paul reminds the Corinthians that he is the one who preached the gospel to them, he was not a burden to them, and he wouldn’t let them pay him or feed him. He didn’t do anything that might make them suspicious and hinder his ability to minister to them and teach them right from wrong.

13-15 Some men are Satan’s ministers. These men appear to be righteous. But their aim is to turn your trust and confidence away from Jesus Christ and put your trust in a minister, a miracle, or yourself.