

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 4:3-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

A PLAN RIGHT OUT OF HELL

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE RIGHT HEART FOR HIS MINISTRY

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Introduction to the Text; **2nd Corinthians 4:3-6**

2Cor.4:3-6

But even if **our gospel is veiled**, it is veiled to **those who are perishing**, **4** whose **minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the **light of the gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is **the image of God**, should shine on them. **5** For we do not **preach ourselves**, but **Christ Jesus the Lord**, and ourselves your **bondservants** for Jesus' sake. **6** For it is **the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness**, who **has shone in our hearts** to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

1Pet. 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **9** Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

John 10:10

The thief (*Satan*) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

A PLAN RIGHT OUT OF HELL

1.) To keep you **in the dark**

v. 3-4a

1a.) Dark about your **soul**

v. 3

Verse 3

2 Cor.4:3

But even if **our gospel is veiled**,
it is veiled to **those who are perishing**,

This is the Cosmic War of the Ages.

Why are some people so closed up to the Gospel?

veiled καλύπτω kalupto, *kal-ooop'-to*; to vigorously cover up. to eagerly hide. to make every effort to keep out of the sight of others. (scandalous cover-up).

**Satan is in the business of blinding people,
veiling people from seeing the truth of God**

This is the Cosmic War of the Ages.

And the eternal soul of man is the prize

Perishing ἀπόλλυμι apollumi, ap-ol'-loo-mee; to be in the grip of destruction. the process of being destroyed fully. total loss. absolute catastrophe. damned.

And it in no uncertain terms means forever.
That the damnation is eternal, never ending, forever happening.

TO KEEP YOU IN THE DARK

1b.) Dark about your reason

v. 4a

Verse 4a

2Cor.4:4a

whose **minds** the god of this age has blinded,

notice satan's domain, his backyard is earth.

(that's a bit freaky. this world is satan's turf and we're in a gang war)

When Jesus Came – He landed in enemy occupied territory.

Satan used Adam and Eve to rob God of Earth's domain.

He is **“the god/prince of this age”**

mind νόημα **noema**, *no'-ay-mah*; the perception of or the way of seeing. The process of reasoning, the way thought, opinion, intellect, and disposition is used.

**The world unknowingly is working on its own self destruction
And sometimes we hand satan just one more brick**

To throw at our liberties – insane **politicians**

To throw at our family – leaderless **fathers**

To throw at our savior – silent **Christians**

The reason why you're not a believer is simply
because **you do not want to believe.**

Blinded τυφλόω *tuphloo, toof-lo'-o*; to make cloudy or opaque. to fog up or cloud one's ability to reason. to drug, mask or make shadowy. to obscure.

You want to argue over the days of creation.

You want to argue over world peace and why is there hunger and cancer and death...

But you are totally incapable of knowing the answer, because your mind/desire is not willing to change the angle, the way you look at Jesus Christ – you're blind !!!

There's One Thing that Satan Has Been Able to Create,
That thing is the Lie

Eph 2:1-3

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Rev. 12:10

Satan is the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

TO KEEP YOU IN THE DARK

1c.) Dark about your faith

v. 4a

Verse 4a

2 Cor.4:4b

who do not believe,

John 3:19-21

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light,

John 12:23,28,31-33

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified... :27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name."... 31 Now is **the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.** 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." 33 This Jesus said, signifying by what death He would die.

Faith is not **foreign** to us // Faith is not **mysterious** to us //
not **hard**

You may have placed in **yourself** – **money** – **health** – **power**
- **pride**

Your ill placed faith is the source of your situation right now (for
the Christian or non Christian)

Will You Today Respond To Christ's Offer?

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<<
Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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