

BEWITCHED?

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Gal.3:1

”O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?“

Today in the Church there are many forms of bewitchment going on. To be bewitched is to be enchanted or cast a spell upon, or influenced and affected especially injuriously by demonic agents. In simple terms, it is the means by which Satan through his agents is spreading falsehood and heresy in the body of Christ with the aim of derailing the faith of unsuspecting brethren. It is the teaching of alternative truth presented as the real truth, the art of turning the heart of the simple away from the way of eternal life, yet presented as the authentic message of the cross.

A faith teaching that frees you from any responsibility in bringing Divine blessings is an irresponsible faith, and God is not an irresponsible Entity; such teaching is a bewitchment, selling a lie to the followers deliberately making them vulnerable. When you are told to decree it and it will happen without you lifting a finger, that can only be magic, God does not do magic but miracle. Miracles simply means "the point where the effort and power of man ends and God takes over" the matter.

James 2:26

A person's body that does not have a spirit is dead. It is the same with faith. Faith that does nothing is dead!

Another kind of bewitchment that is prevalent is that which says once you are saved, you are forever saved. Unfortunately many careless fellows have been caught in this satanic manipulation and have gone ahead to continue living the riotous lifestyle they led prior to their salvation, when the position of God is clearly spelt out in 2Cor.5.17. It is only a pig that returns to the mire after being washed.

Gal.5:13

For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom *become* an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve *and* seek the best for one another.

Additionally, some are bewitched by the narrative that suggests that it is of no use to fast anymore because Jesus has paid the price, and done all the fasting for the Christian, if that is so, how then can that be juxtaposed with Jesus' clear statement that after His departure the disciples will fast? God is never the author of confusion.

Phil. 3:18-19

For there are many, of whom I have often told you, and now tell you even with tears, who live as enemies of the cross of Christ [rejecting and opposing His way of salvation], whose fate is destruction, whose god is *their* belly [their worldly appetite, their sensuality, their vanity], and *whose* glory is in their shame—who focus their mind on earthly *and* temporal things.

Bewitchment is a means to bringing the bewitched under the control of the enchanter and in many cases to destroy him. Beloved, we should not be ignorant of Satan's ministry (John 10:10a), he has nothing good (in the past, present and future) to give anyone, therefore, whatever gift he presents is a trap to destroy the relationship between God and the Christian. He has agents everywhere especially in the Church, he has been at it for many years and will continue, each one of us should be careful of what we hear and believe.

Paul was so grieved in his spirit when he observed that agents of Satan were infiltrating the church that he wrote in

Gal. 1:8

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we [originally] preached to you, let him be condemned to destruction!

That is still the position till date, the original message of the of the Cross is still being preached, it is your responsibility to test every spirit. Deliver yourself from deception, you have a role to play, and that is beyond just praying and declarations.

Maranatha!!!