

# Deceived and Living a Lie

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## John 10:9-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.<sup>[a]</sup> They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The **thief comes** only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**; **I have come** that they **may have life**, and **have it to the full**.

## 1 John 3:1-10 NIV

**3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.** <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and **what we will be has not yet been made known**. But we know that when Christ appears,<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that **he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.** <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.** <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

## Luke 19:8-10 NIV

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."**

## Three Main Reasons that Jesus came to earth...

1. To give people life – life to the full
2. To destroy the devil's works
3. To seek and save the lost (or that which is lost)

## There is only Two roads... Which do you choose to travel on?

- Two masters, two roads, truth or lie, freedom or bondage, blessing or curse
- Jesus has a plan for your life
  - Life in abundance
  - Destroy the devil's works in your life
  - To save you from sin and isolation from God's love

- Satan has a plan for your life
  - Steal from you
  - Destroy things that you love and things that you have worked for
  - To kill you
  - **2 Corinthians 2:9-11 NIV**<sup>9</sup> Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.<sup>10</sup> Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,<sup>11</sup> ***in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.***

How Has Satan Tried to Steal from me, Destroy things around me and Kill me?...

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### Living a Deceived Life

- The problem with deception – you won't know if you're deceived.
- **Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25 NIV** There is a way that ***appears to be right***, but in the end it leads to death.
- The truth plumb line –
  - The BIBLE, yes that's the book for me, I stand alone on the Word of God, the BIBLE
- Heart transplant needed (Ezekiel 36:26)
- The Holy Spirit's conviction
  - It brings you to God. Satan's guilt drives you away from God. Don't fall for the deception!

### Living a Lie

- Pretending to be someone or something that you're not?
- Raised with family expectations in a way that those expectations are more important than God's leading?
- Trying to maintain status (nouveau riche & establishment)?
- Does everything need to be perfect, and no one can know if there are problems?
- Some people are so insecure and so afraid of who they are, they have lived their entire life trying to be someone else, someone that they aren't.

### Coming into the Light – Freedom!

- The Light is bright
  - It attracts with its warmth and beauty
  - It repels because we feel secure in our darkness
- Freedom not to sin – we don't have to sin. Free yourself from a slavery mindset.
- **Matthew 6:13 NIV** And lead us not into temptation, but ***deliver us from the evil one.***
- Living as a Kingdom Kid – getting beyond culture and status