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DON'T BE DECEIVED

There are always going to be situations that will require the discerning of spirits. This is absolutely necessary as we approach the day of the Lord's return.

In I John 4:1 in the Amplified version it says ***"Beloved, do not believe every spirit (speaking through a self-proclaimed prophet); instead test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets and teachers have gone out into the world. By this you know and recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges and confesses (the fact) that Jesus Christ has (actually) come in the flesh (as a man) is from God (God is its source); and every spirit that does not confess Jesus (acknowledging that He has come in the flesh, but would deny any of the Son's true nature) is not of God; this is the spirit of antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and is now already in the world."***

This was written by the Apostle John to the early church. There was deception then, and it has continued ever since then. All deception comes from the spirit of antichrist. What is the spirit of antichrist? It is an opponent of the true Christ. In 2 John 1:7 it says in the KJV ***"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist"***

Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. Anyone that denies that is of the spirit of antichrist. He is not the Father, and He is not the Holy Spirit. Those that teach contrary to this are of the spirit of antichrist. There is much false teaching out there, and many do not know enough scripture to know what is truth and what is error. The scripture tells us in the last days there will be a great falling away. This is not the rapture! The word falling away means apostasy, which means to fall from truth. It is evident we are in those days because many main line denominations are openly accepting homosexuality even their leadership. Satan is the one behind this. Do not be deceived into thinking that God has changed his mind about sin. He hasn't. It is deception to think that God changes. He remains the one constant that all Christians can trust.

So, what do we do with deception? We ward it off by learning truth, and teaching truth. In these last days that we live in we need to draw closer to God than ever before. We need to study the scriptures and be so full of truth that a lie doesn't have a chance to even touch us. We need to be filled up with the word of God, so we won't be deceived.

There is much happening all over the world as I write this to indicate we are entering into the tribulation. Are you taught that you might go through it? How awful a thought, you might say, yet it may happen that way. Don't be caught off guard without preparing for it. Don't assume God is going to miraculously take you out, when hundreds of thousands of Christians are being persecuted worldwide and have been martyred for their faith. It is a deception to think it won't happen in the United States. It will because the scriptures tell us that in the last days 2/3 of mankind will perish before the Lord's return. Don't be deceived into thinking that everything may be okay. Get so filled up with faith that you can go through anything. Many will deny their faith if they are tortured because they haven't been taught it might happen. There is a whole list of what happened to those that followed Jesus in the book of Hebrews. Most of them died tragic deaths. Don't be deceived to think it won't happen to us. We need to be prepared so we won't be deceived!