

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 4:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Living in the Daze of Deception” - Part 7

The Deception of Signs & Wonders
“But It Must Be From God – I Can Feel It”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world,
and the world hears them

if you were at war with an enemy,
one of the first things that you would do is to see how you
could manipulate their ability to communicate among
themselves.

Taking Out Their Communication is Good
But if you can alter it, change it, twist it – that’s even better !!!

Satan's Desire

is to manipulate the truth

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Ephesians 4:14

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

There Really is No Reason Why

A Christian Should be Taken In By False Doctrines and or False Teachings

1 John 2:20

But you have **an anointing** from the Holy One, and you know all things.

John 6:45

Jesus said... 'And they shall all be **taught by God.**' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

That is;

In The Context of the True and False

The Holy Spirit is Our Guide as He Uses The Word of God

John 16:13

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

“Living in the Daze of Deception”

The Ecumenical Union of the Faiths

Is a movement by the worlds religions to come together as one people.

This Union

Invites all believers in god to come together in a spirit of unity

- It's a Call to the **Christian** to Accept The Differences of the **Catholic**,
 - The **Jew** to accept the difference of the **Muslim**,
 - The **Hindu** to accept the differences of the **Buddhist**
- And for all of them to accept the differences of even the world's **cults**

Certain Buzz Phrases Should Get Our Attention Like:

“Let's All be Brothers”

“We Can Learn to Overlook our Differences”

Let's Come Together in a Spirit of Unity

One world, One people, One language and... *How about One faith*

All of mankind can be deducted to one of two families. There are the Children God and there are the Children of the Devil

1 John 3:10

In this the children of God
and the children of the devil are manifest...

1Thessalonians 5:5-7

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6
Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those
who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

Colossians 3:5-6

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

Ephesians 5:6-8

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

The Deception of The Cry for Unity *“We’re Really One Big Family”*

1.) *Unique - We Have a New Origin*

You are of God, little children

John 14:6

When Jesus said,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

He cancelled out any other way for man to be saved

**THERE IS NO SALVATION
APART FROM JESUS CHRIST**

A Unique New Origin

a.) *Because we’re in a new family*

You are of God

Meaning

There are Those who are not of God

1 John 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Unique - We Have a New Origin

b.) Because we know a new authority

of God

GOD

is The True Origin of Genuine Authority

**We were once slaves to the world
But now we are friends of God**

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ,

This New Authority

Points each of us to an independent relationship with God

Matthew 28:18-19

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

This Authority is Our Safety

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Unique - We Have a New Origin

c.) *Because we have a new relationship*

little children

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teknia grk teknion (tek-nee'-on);

the little born ones, an infant, a darling. a christian believer,

In The Greek Perfect Tense

Implying that there was a precise moment that He "Birthed" Them

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **has begotten us again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Conversion Happens in a Moment of Time

2 Corinthians 6:2

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Colossians 1:6

CONCERNING THE GOSPEL...

which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since **the day** you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

The Deception of The Cry for Unity “We’re Really One Big Family”

2.) ***Separate - we’re in the victory***

and have overcome them,

Separate - we’re in the victory

a.) ***Because we have been given – His hope***

...and have overcome them,

...and **have** overcome them,

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overcome 3528 nikao (nik-ah'-o);

having subdued an enemy. Having conquered, having the victory.

“To Stand on the Throat”

This is Our Continuous Hope

(we fight from the winners corner)

We Don’t Have To Be Afraid

of False Doctrine Taking Hold Of Us Because

We are of the truth – operate from truth – are in the truth

Hebrews 10:10-13

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God 13 **from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.**

Separate - we're in the victory

b.) Because we have been given – His faith

...and have overcome them,

1 John 5:4-5

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

We Flee From The False

Because our faith is of God and in God

Separate - we're in the victory

c.) Because we have been given – His love

...and have overcome them,

1 Timothy 1:14

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

We Are Now The Objects of His Affection

The Deception of The Cry for Unity
"We're Really One Big Family"

3.) Complete – we have absolute confidence

because He who is in you
is greater than he who is in the world

Our Position and Victory
Is attributed to one central truth
- The Indwelling Holy Spirit

John 20:19-22

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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Who's in you

Vs.

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Who is in the world

That which is in and of this world

Versus

that which is of God, is that which is in us

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Every Christian

At the moment of their conversion to Christ became indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The indwelling of the Spirit is that act of God when He takes sole possession of the believer by sealing them with the Spirit.

Matthew Henry

"In this verse the apostle encourages the disciples against the fear and danger of this seducing antichristian spirit, and that by such methods as these:

He assures them of a more divine principle that is at work within them:

"You are God's little children. We are of God now, We are born of God, taught of God, anointed of God, and so secured in God against infectious, fatal delusions. God has His chosen, we shall not, nor cannot be mortally seduced."

He gives us the assurance of victory: "**And we have overcome them,** You have hitherto overcome these deceivers and their temptations, and there is good ground of hope that you will do so still, and that upon these two accounts:"-- (1.) "There is a strong preserver within you: The Holy Spirit, Because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. The Spirit of God dwells in you, and that Spirit is more mighty than the men and spirits of devils." It is a great happiness to be under the influence of the Holy Ghost. You are not of the same temper with these deceivers. The Spirit of God has framed your mind for God and heaven; but they are of the world. The spirit that prevails in them leads them to this world; their heart is addicted to the study, the pomp, the pleasure, and the interest of the world we are no longer of that way!

Complete – we have absolute confidence

a.) Because of who God is

because **He** who is in you

The Nature of God

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people

Complete – we have absolute confidence

b.) Because our God lives in us

because He **who is in you**

Christianity Declares That

it is God who came down Rather than man reaching up

John 16:7

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

2 Corinthians 6:15-16

And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living

1 John 3:24

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Complete – we have absolute confidence

c.) Because God alone is supreme

is **greater** than he who is in the world

greater

* **greater** grk 3187 meizon (mide'-zone);
exceedingly, all great, the highest, the largest, all mighty

THE CHRISTIAN WILL NEVER SUFFER FROM DEFEAT

He may stumble, he may trip up, he may even lose a battle

BUT NEVER SHALL THE CHRISTIAN LOSE THE WAR

2 Timothy 1:12

...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

the truth

must never be sacrificed on the altar of unity

The Churches Greatest Weakness
is the Weakness that comes from Within

The Deception of The Cry for Unity

Be careful church against deception and compromise.
When you hear of monks, rabbis, pastors, priests, shamans gurus coming together for any purpose - watch out. For the spirits that traffic among them and the doctrines which they espouse are not of God.