

“Be Not Deceived”

⇒ **Text:** James 1:22

⇒ **Intro:**

- Deception is one of Satan’s devices that he uses to trip up Christians in their walk with the Lord.
- We know from the Word of God that Satan is an imitator.
- He tries to trick the Christian and the rest of the world by imitating the things of God.
- The Apostle Paul warns us in 2 Corinthians 2:11 not be ignorant of Satan’s devices lest he should get advantage of us.

○ **Definition of deceive:** **1** *archaic* : **ENSNARE** **2 a** *obsolete* : to be false to **b** *archaic* : to fail to fulfill **3** *obsolete* : **CHEAT** **4** : to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid **5** *archaic* : to while away *intransitive verb* : to practice **deceit**; *also* : to give a false impression <appearances can *deceive*>

○ **synonyms** **DECEIVE**, **MISLEAD**, **DELUDE**, **BEGUILE** mean to lead astray or frustrate usually by underhandedness. **DECEIVE** implies imposing a false idea or belief that causes ignorance, bewilderment, or helplessness <tried to *deceive* me about the cost>. **MISLEAD** implies a leading astray that may or may not be intentional <I was *misled* by the confusing sign>. **DELUDE** implies deceiving so thoroughly as to obscure the truth <we were *deluded* into thinking we were safe>. **BEGUILE** stresses the use of charm and persuasion in deceiving <was *beguiled* by false promises>.

○ This morning from the Word of God we want to see how a man can be deceived.

- ⇒ 1. A man is deceived if he says that he has no sin – **1 John 1:8**
- ⇒ 2. A man is deceived when he thinks himself to be something when he is nothing. – **Galatians 6:3**
- ⇒ 3. A man is deceived when he thinks himself to be wise with worldly wisdom – **1 Corinthians 3:18**.
- ⇒ 4. A man is deceived when he seems to be religious and does not bridle his tongue – **James 1:26**
- ⇒ 5. A man is deceived when he thinks that he will not reap what he sows – **Galatians 6:7**.
- ⇒ 6. A man is deceived when he thinks that evil company will not corrupt good morals – **1 Corinthians 15:33**
- ⇒ 7. A man is deceived when he thinks that the unrighteous will inherit the kingdom of God - **1 Corinthians 6:9**

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- Now Satan will try to deceive you to not pay attention to the Word of God.
- The question is – Will you let him?