



The Full Gospel Church

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Yesterday Rita and I were in Center City Philadelphia and saw some street preachers preaching from John 14:6.

John 14:6

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

These preachers were not preaching Christianity, but were preaching Islam. They conveniently left out the portion of the scripture that says, “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” The only portion that they were interested in was the truth portion. To them Jesus Christ is a prophet and not their savior. Many are being deceived by this deceptive practice.

When Rita and I first heard these preachers we both thought that they were preaching the gospel of Christ. Shortly we heard that Mohammad was their true prophet and their god Allah was supreme. Nowhere in their theology mentions Jesus Christ as the savior.

If you were just passing by and not paying attention you would think that there is no difference between Islam and Christianity. But, when you listen carefully to what they are saying, you realize that they are deceptively using the Bible to promote Islam.

The Bible tells us that in the last last days that there will be many deceivers.

2 Timothy 3:1-13

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

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10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

There have always been deceivers who have used the Bible for their own purposes. Today, we are seeing those who believe that the men will get seven virgins in heaven. Their prophet Mohammad was supposed to have a 12-year old girl as his youngest wife. In the Middle East young girls are sold to the highest bidder as sex slaves and wives.

I believe that Islam is a religion that preaches to men that being a pedophile is your reward in heaven. Don't they preach that if you die in an holy war that you will get seven young virgins in heaven? This is not a religion of salvation, repentance, and holiness, but a religion of the flesh. This is a religion of outward holiness and outward appearance just like the Pharisees that Jesus was talking to:

Matthew 23:27

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited

sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

The born-again Christian needs to be extremely careful when listening to a preacher. There are many preachers who use the Bible for their own nefarious schemes. It is not just the preachers of Islam who are trying to deceive. There are a number of so-called Christian preachers who are in the ministry just for the money. Remember Jim and Tammy Baker? Some of these preachers have gone to jail while many will never be convicted.

The child of God needs to be extremely cautious and study the Bible for themselves. They need to have the word of God as an integral part of their own being. They need to be able to discern the truth for themselves.

It is not only the preacher that needs to study the scriptures, but each and every one of us need to have a thorough knowledge of the Bible. With all of the deceptions and wickedness that is in the world today, the only armor is the Word of God!

Ephesians 6:11-18

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in

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high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

We definitely are in a battle for our lives. The deceivers are busy deceiving and being deceived. We need to reinforce our armor as the Apostle Paul told the Ephesians. We need to be armed against the deceivers who want to corrupt the Christian and lead the Christian astray. We need the whole armor of God to protect ourselves from the lies of Satan and his followers.

We need the following equipment:

- Truth

We need the truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. We need the truth of the Bible deep within our soul. We need the truth

of the Bible as an integral part of our very being! We just don't need to have a carnal knowledge of the Word of God, but we need the spiritual knowledge of the Word of God .

- Righteousness

We need the righteousness of Jesus Christ and not just an outward show of righteousness. We need the righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ the Lord. We need Christ's righteousness as our righteousness.

- Gospel of Peace

We need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We not only need to know the Gospel, but we need to live the Gospel. Without the Gospel of Christ we have no hope, faith, or salvation.

- Faith

We need to have total faith in Jesus Christ the Lord. Only with a total faith in Jesus Christ can we withstand Satan's constant assault. Satan is constantly attacking us hoping to destroy us. With a total faith in Jesus Christ we can stand against Satan's attacks.

- Salvation

Jesus has saved us from a life of sin and wickedness. Jesus has redeemed us from the ways of the world. Jesus has risen us up from the wickedness of the world and has set us on higher ground.

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- Spirit of God
Our one offensive weapon is the Word of God. When we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we have the Word of God as our offensive weapon against all of the wiles of the devil. Learning to use this most powerful weapon is done by allowing the Lord to do the speaking through us. We do not use the word without the Lord speaking through us.
- Praying in the Spirit
Finally, we need to daily pray in the Spirit, renewing our faith and strength in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

All Christians need to study the Word of God so when the deceives attempt to deceive, we have the ability withstand the wicked deceptions. A thorough knowledge of the Bible will help along with all of the armor of God to withstand everything that is being hurled at us today.

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