

2 Corinthians 11

We will look at three things that concern Paul about the church

- another Jesus; a different Spirit; a different gospel

v.2 betrothed- see Hosea 2:14-20- page 791- only place the New Testament this Greek word is used,

- fitted together, like a carpenter's joint
- arrange music
- tune an instrument

v.3 How did serpent deceive Eve ? *back to Genesis 3*

Genesis 3 v.1 Satan begins by questioning the Word of God- Did God really say ?

v.3 Now someone adds to the Word of God, He never said you can't touch it, personally I think Adam added this to keep Eve away

v.6 Basis for all sin- (1 John 2:15-16 NKJV) *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.*

- simplicity (some manuscripts add purity) in Christ- For God so loved the world

v.4 **another Jesus**

- not according to His nature - servant hearted- see Phil. 2

- moved with compassion for the people
- (Mark 10:45 NKJV) *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

- washed the disciples feet

- or the Father's nature- Jesus came to reveal- what is the Father's nature ? grace, mercy, compassion, love - Exodus 34:5 *Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

- not according to what has been revealed concerning His pre-existence, His incarnation, physical resurrection, coming back

We hear people say how Jesus would act to situations if He were here and make unbiblical assumptions- Jesus blatantly addressed sin, blatantly addressed accountability, focused on forgiveness and **repentance**

A different spirit

- comes to comfort alongside, - *Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;....*

To Believers

- 1) Comforter- Counselor- parakletos- intercessor, advocate, one who comes alongside to help-theme of this book
- 2) abides with us forever- He is in us and with us- He doesn't leave or forsake us
- 3) teaches us- The Holy Spirit opens the Scriptures to us
- 4) brings back to remembrance- must first put it in
- 5) testifies of Jesus- doesn't point to Himself or His ministry but to Jesus, so should we have " Spirit filled " ministries ? If the Holy Spirit doesn't point to Himself, who is pointing and who is being pointed to ?
- 6) guide us into all truth- through the Scriptures and our walk
- 7) doesn't speak on His own authority but takes what Jesus says and declares it
 - a) No man has seen God (John 1:18)
 - b) Jesus reveals Him (John 14:9-11)
 - c) God has put everything in Jesus (Colossians 1:19)
 - c) God has given all things to Jesus (John 13:3)
 - d) Jesus has told us everything (John 15:15)
 - e) therefore the Holy Spirit does not give " new revelation " or depart from Jesus' teachings but always reveals those things

- The nature of the Holy Spirit is always in agreement with the nature of the Father- *Exodus 34:5 Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

- The nature of the Holy Spirit will always be in agreement with the nature of Jesus- *Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

8) tells us things to come- *Revelation 19:10...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

- not just foretelling but understanding the times

9) glorify Jesus

different gospel- other than salvation by grace through faith alone

- we have had people that wanted to move into legalism or into works
Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, (7) which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (9) As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (18) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

During these times of uncertainty, these days of fear, we have an opportunity to minister the hope that lies with us. As a Billy Graham Rapid Response Chaplain, I have had the opportunity to deploy and minister in many disasters- ranging from floods, tornados, hurricanes, wind storms, civil unrest and rioting. In those times what we find is that people have deep needs, not just what they see on the surface but the issues of life. We have the opportunity to share HOPE.