

# LET NO ONE LEAD YOU ASTRAY

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”* vs. 7,8.
- B. WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD. v. 1.
1. As children of God we cannot live in sin, vs. 4, 6, 9, etc.
  2. Deceived if we think we can sin and still please God.
  3. Let no one lead you astray.
    - a. Teaching that sin is not bad.
    - b. Those who would hid the reality of sin. Its results.
  4. Sin is Sin, lawlessness - regardless of how it appears!
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## SIN WEARS A MASK

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- A. *“Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”* (Heb. 3:12-13).
1. This (Heb. 3:12,13) is both a warning and an exhortation.
  2. To become “hardened” is to become morally obstinate and stubborn.
  3. Unwillingness to listen to instruction, especially from God.
- B. The word “deceitful” means that which gives a false impression, whether by appearance, statement, or influence.
1. The writer is, therefore, warning children of God lest they become morally obstinate (unwilling to listen to God) because of the deceitful appearance and impressions of sin.
  2. SIN WEARS A MASK!
    - a. What is the purpose of a mask?
    - b. To hid the real identity.
    - c. Sin does not want to appear as sin....bad!
  3. We will notice some of the “MASKS” that sin wears!
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## SIN WEARS THE MASK OF BEAUTY

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- A. SIN Appears Other Than What It Actually Is.
1. We need to think of sin as an ugly monster.

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2. A Monster who wears the mask of beauty.
  - B. OF BEING ATTRACTIVE OR ADVANTAGEOUS!
    1. Sin Promises More Than It Gives.
      - a. To Eve...."ye shall be as gods...."
      - b. She saw..."to be desired to make one wise"
    2. But...to her (and Adam's) sorrow, she found that sin was only wearing the mask of being attractive and advantageous.
  - C. "YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE"
    1. Why not go ahead and enjoy these pleasures and advantages???
    2. The consequence is insignificant compared with the pleasure!!
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## OF BEING A SERVANT

- A. History abounds with instances of Kings making alliances with others so they could make them their servant. Often the opposite is true.
  - B. Young People (and others) take up the habit of strong drink or drugs believing they could make such habits their servant to bring them happiness.
    1. DRINK....and it will make you popular...an allright guy..one of the crowd.
    2. DRINK...will be your servant to get you what you want.
      - a. BUT...does "drink" serve the drunkard...or ..does a drunkard serve drink?
      - b. What is the "finished product of the brewers art?
      - c. How many lives does drink claim each year...HOW MANY SOULS?
    3. Take DRUGS to get "high"..drugs are my servants to make me happy.
      - a. But in reality....who serves whom?
      - b. Drugs do not become addicted to humans...Humans become addicted
  - C. THE WORLD LOOKS A IMMORALITY as a servant to give pleasure!
    1. How many unborn babies are killed each year?
    2. How many infants are left for society to raise.
    3. How many hearts are broken?
    4. IMMORALITY OUR SERVANT.../???
    - a. LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US....REALLY LOOK.
    - b. **NEVER FORGET...ROMANS 6:17. HIS SERVANT YE ARE....**
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## OF BEING RIGHT...

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- A. Proverbs 16:25: “*There is a way that seemeth right....ways of death.*”
- B. MANY THINK THEY ARE RIGHT.
1. But God warns us to “*study to show thyself approved....*”
  2. To “*try the spirits...whether they are of God*”. (I John 4:1).
- C. Many members of the church think they are right when they are only nauseating to him. (Rev. 3:15-17).
1. Come live this way..study God’s word a little; apply a little of what you read to yourself; be little (if any) concerned for your soul and others.
  2. So long as you go to church once a week....YOU CAN BE CERTAIN OF GOING TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE!!
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## REAPING WHAT DOESN’T SOW

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- A. THE HOLY SPIRIT TELLS US...GALATIANS 6:7... “Be not deceived....
1. One can not turn up his nose at God (make things turn out other than as God said they would.
  2. If a man planted turnip seed and reaped apples, it could truly be said that he had “mocked” God.
  3. This, of course, no one can do...BUT SIN PROMISES TO DO IT!!
- B. Sin wears the mask of promising to reap a harvest of happiness, joy, and peace from sowing the seed of sin. BUT THE FRUIT THAT COMES FROM SUCH A SEED IS:
1. IN THIS LIFE: degradation, misery, fear, frustration, unhappiness, loss of fellowship with God, loss of true communion with loved ones.
  2. IN THE WORLD TO COME: eternal separation from God and everything that is holy and good, the suffering of terrible torment throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity (Rev. 20)
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## CONCLUSION

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- A. SIN AND SATAN offer the promise of “PLENTY OF TIME”.
1. Satan doesn’t care for you Planning to become a Christian.
  2. Satan says: “*you have plenty of time*”. This is deceitfulness of sin.
- B. If you are not living the Christian life. Again Satan says: “*WHAT IS THE HURRY?*” Death and Judgment is FAR AWAY! **Be not deceived!!**
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