

IF I WERE SATAN'S MINISTER

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"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works." {2 Corinthians 11:13-15} Our adversary is clever and cunning, but his work cannot advance without help from others. Satan has many ministers – some willing and others unwilling. Following are some of the things I think they might preach:

The Bible is not infallible. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." {2 Peter 1:20,21} Satan's minister would endeavor to convince his listeners that the Bible is not infallible, and that it does not contain God's word. He'd say, "It's just one book among many." Yet, the Bible claims to be the inspired revelation of God's mind {2 Timothy 3:16,17; 1 Corinthians 2:9-13}. Unfortunately, many believe Satan's lies and reject God's truth.

Universal salvation. "Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off." {Romans 11:22} Satan's minister teaches that God is loving, compassionate, and merciful and that He will not send anyone to hell. Everyone will be saved. This is a lie. The Scriptures clearly teach that the majority will choose eternal punishment {Matthew 7:13,14; 1 Peter 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9}. Satan's ministers have peddled this false doctrine for centuries; it sounds wonderful, but it's false to the core.

The kingdom does not exist today. "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." {Hebrews 12:28} One of the biggest lies told by Satan's ministers is that the kingdom will be established when Christ returns for the second time. Yet, the Lord promised to build His kingdom {Matthew 16:18,19}. He said that some of his audience would not see death till the kingdom came with power {Mark 9:1}. Many have been translated into the kingdom {Colossians 1:13}. The apostle John was part of the kingdom {Revelation 1:9}. Jesus will return the kingdom to His Father {1 Corinthians 15:24-26}. Still, the overwhelming majority of the religious world believes the kingdom will be earthly and that the Lord will reign on earth for 1,000 years. Satan's ministers have done their work well.

Baptism is not necessary. "There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." {1 Peter 3:21} Satan's ministers have a different theory – "baptism is an outward sign of inward grace." Yet, when Jesus sent out the apostles, He commanded them to baptize alien sinners {Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16}. Every conversion in Acts ended at the water – check it out. God's word tells us that Christ's blood is applied in baptism {Colossians 2:11-13; Romans 6:3,4}.

Impossibility of apostasy. “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” {1 John 3:9} God said that as long as the seed remains in us, we cannot sin. But we can throw out the seed. The sentiment is great, but it’s totally without Scriptural proof. It matters how we live our lives after initial obedience {Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 12:10}.

Remember, Satan’s ministers do not wear name tags. Sadly, Satan’s has many of these men who are spreading his spiritual propaganda and unfortunately having much success! ***