

## Scripture References

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Eph 2:1-2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Acts 9:18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized,

1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

2 Cor 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Deut 18:20-22 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." 21 You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?" 22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

## Authentic Jesus, A Study in 1 John

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### Fred Hennes, Sermon #642, "What is Truth?" (1 John 4:1-6)

Behind every prophet or spiritual teacher there is a \_\_\_\_\_, and every spirit can be traced back to either God or the Devil. The age-old question exists, "What is \_\_\_\_\_?"

We can listen, but we must not \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ on false teaching.

When sharing your faith in Jesus Christ and the gospel, it is vital that you pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be removed.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ for you to be taken in today by a false teacher, a false prophet, or false teaching.

False teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ in the world because their thinking and their theology is accommodated to the world's beliefs.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is not who has the best argument, who is the most persuasive, or who is the highest educated, but rather who acknowledges \_\_\_\_\_ as God and His coming in the flesh.

The command is to \_\_\_\_\_ believe every spirit, but to be discerning and discriminating.

### Life Group Ice-Breaker Question

1. Have you ever been "taken in" by a deceptive scheme – either monetarily or spiritually?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:14 where Satan is presented as one who masquerades as an angel of light. What does this masquerade look like and how does Satan pull it off?
4. In the Scriptures, Satan is referred to as "the spirit of the antichrist" (1 John 4:3), the "god of this age" (2 Cor 4:44), and the "prince of this world" (John 12:31). Collectively, what do these titles tell you about Satan?
5. Research a religion, on Google (such as Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, or Jehovah's Witness) and record who they claim Jesus to be. What makes their teachers fall into the category of false teaching?

6. Read Deuteronomy 18:20-22. In the Old Testament time period, how were false prophets dealt with? If this principle was operational today, what effect would it have?

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. What is the best thing you could do to prepare yourself to discern false teachers and false messages?
8. How should you relate to a person you know who belongs to a religion which denies Jesus Christ?
9. Pray for God to remove the blinders from the eyes of the unbelievers you know and are closest to.