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### Deception takes what is good and true

then adds enough falsehood to hurt you yet still be believable.





### It's one thing to be deceived about worldly things.

It's very different when you're deceived about Jesus/gospel.



Colossians 2: 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Corinthians 6: 9 Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 John 4: 1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

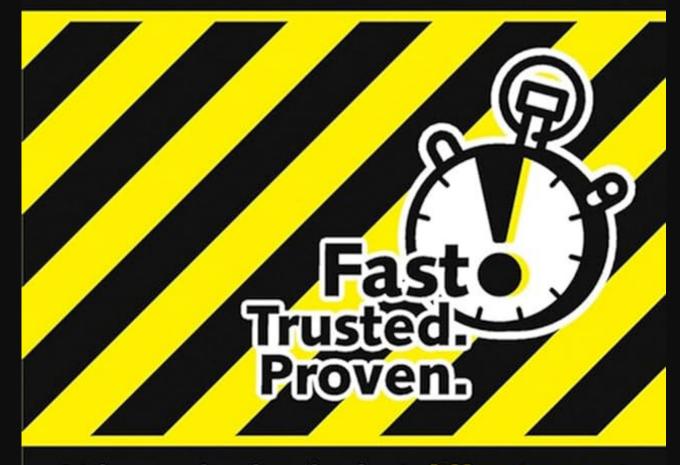




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#### The Cliffnotes Paradox:

More availability of notes does not lead to more understanding.



# Satan's kingdom, at first glance, looks like God's with one difference:

Satan's messiah is empowered by Satan.

Luke 4: 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

6 And he (Satan) said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Luke 4: "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; Il they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

### Both God and Satan seek to establish their kingdom.

#### Jesus is the deciding factor.



Luke 4: 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Matthew 16: 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."



#### Jesus knew he couldn't have a crown without a cross.

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### The Truth: We are all sinners deserving of hell.

## Satan's greatest fear: Jesus will convince you that you're a sinner in need of a savior.











#### It's hard to see the ugliness of the cross because it reminds us of the ugliness of our sins.

I Corinthians 15: 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...

Romans 5: 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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