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SEPTEMBER 2013: 'Deception = Blind Eyes and a Dull Heart' "Be not deceived, God is mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Galatians 6: 7&8)

You may wonder where deception has its origins. If you have read the book of Genesis, you know it comes from the enemy of the human soul, Satan. Humanly speaking, it started when Eve swallowed the deceptive lies of Satan in the Garden of Eden. She began questioning God's command not to eat of tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Perhaps deception is the greatest tools in Satan's bag of tricks. He knows something we don't always realize, we are easily deceived.

At the heart of deception, is the greatest of sins, pride. "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoils with the proud." (Proverbs 16:18&19) Pride will work its work of dulling our spiritual insight which will take us down the path of compromise. We will give a little here and a little there, until we will not be able to discern truth from error, sin from righteousness. We will tolerate more and more that contradicts God's holy word. We will not have the spiritual guts to stand for His truth and holiness.

Much of the church in our day is following the same path the people took in Jeremiah's day. It was the pride of their hearts which stopped their ears and hardened their hearts to the prophet's message from God. And remember, he preached the same message for 23 years. They had become so accustomed to false teaching that the truth of Jeremiah's message was like a foreign language to their ears.

This compromise and arrogance of their pride caused something to take place. So accustomed to the false teaching these folks thought they were living right, with no consideration to the fact there was a completely holy God who would hold everyone of them accountable for sin. God had and has a very harsh punishment for false shepherds who lead the flock of God down a road of destruction. They all blamed God when they were defeated and lead into captivity for 70 years.

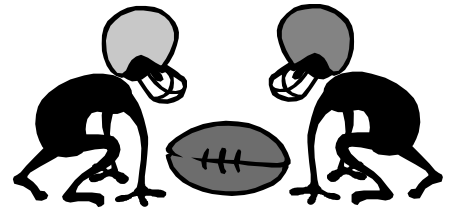
An outcome of pride and compromise is when the person comes to the point of being self-deceived. Consider the father of lies and deception. It was the pride of his heart which caused him to dare think that he could be like the Most High, that he could place his throne above God's. We come to this point ourselves because he does not want to be the only one ever to be self-deceived. Satan also does all he can to drag souls to the pit. Self-deceit will indeed dig a deed pit in our hearts. It will make us think that we do not need the Lord God for anything. It will deceive us into thinking that I am at the center of my universe. God will not force anyone to have a different perspective, but He will hold that person accountable. We actually mock God and His mercy when we think we can do what we want, regardless what His word tells us.

Paul tells us to "sow to the Spirit". Here is where we will find peace in midst of the storms and trials of life. In 2 John 4, John tells us: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." If a man has this feeling toward his spiritual children, imagine how our God feels about us when walk in His ways, in His truth. Lord, may our ears be open and attentive to Your word and hearts be filled with Your love, mercy and grace. Brothers and sisters remember, sowing to the Spirit reaps everlasting life.

Your friend and fellow sower, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- September 1 **Genesis 3:1-13**
 "Where Deception Begins"
- September 8 **John 8:42-59**
 "The Father of Lies and Deception"
- September 15 **Isaiah 29:9-16**
 "Deception Blinds One"
- September 22 **2 John 1-11**
 "Truth and Deception Do Not Mix"
- September 29 **2 Corinthians 4:1-15**
 "The Light of the Gospel"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Lineberger, Rachael
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Rick	Locke, Mike
Bridges, Lucille	London, Peggy
Cavin, Henry	Lupinsky, Logan
Culver, Anthony	McCain, Lisa
Culver, Michael	Molder, Ruby
Curtis, Cooper	Moncla, Luke
Covington ARP Church	Moore, Martha Lou
Dungy, Louise	Moss, Charlie
Goulder, Bobbie	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Gordon	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Helen	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Keith	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Hill, Dana	Smith, Mary Frances
Hill, Joy	Stitt, Sam
Hubbard, Kristi	Tyler, Jean
Huffman, Linda	Welch, Jack
Krull, Lucy	Wells, Whit
Legler, Don	Winford, Sherry
Lewis, Adam	Yarbro, Pam

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Harriet Linderman

- Sept 8 Molly Anne Heath
 In Honor of
 Kevin Heath
- Sept 16 Molly Anne Heath
 In Honor of
 Amanda Heath
- Sept 22 Norma and Floyd Columbus
 In Memory of
 Gene Columbus



Wedding Anniversaries

- September 12 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore*
- September 17 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Trotter*
- September 20 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hugues*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

September

- September 1 Rhonda Goulder
- September 8 Molly Huffman
- September 15 Margarette Alsbrook
- September 22 Joanna Simonton
- September 29 Vickie Hugues

CHILDRENS SERMON – September

- September 1 Julia Moore*
- September 8 Margarette Alsbrook*
- September 15 John Moore*
- September 22 Dr. Cavin*
- September 29 Kirsten Rettig*

September Menu

Sept 4 Ham Cheese Croissants

Sept 11 Mexican Night

Sept 18 Chicken Tenders /
Mac n Cheese

Sept 25 Family Night -
Fried Chicken

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Joey Sides	13	Jesse Bridges
	Angela Hernandez	14	Cooper Curtis
5	Joe Sides	15	Jonathan Glass
	Kevin Heath		Kaitlyn Moore
	Kristian Ray Donahoo	17	Austin Starnes
6	Nev Trotter	19	Amber Starnes
7	Alec-Thomas Ruffin	22	Amanda Heath
	Hillary Hill		Anthony Billings
	Juanita Campbell	24	Lindsey Rowland
8	Katie Williamson	27	Ina Yarbrow
9	Ashley Curtis	28	Richard Moore
12	Chris Gravley		Sarah Smith
	Dustin Goulder	30	Larry Crum

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Keith Trotter. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Keith at 901-476-9980.

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE CREAM PARTY! Make sure to mark your calendars for the Ice Cream Party on **September 4th**. We will be having a regular supper that night, but afterwards we will have fun games outside, a lot of good ice cream, and some big announcements. Made sure you are there to here the big news!!!

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2013 Town of Brighton Centennial Celebration Men's Ministry and Choir will be involved.

SEPTEMBER 14 Saturday – The MVP Family Life Conference will be held at New Albany, MS.

SEPTEMBER 15 Sunday – There will be a Jubilee Birthday Luncheon for Missions.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nathan and Marcie Hoots on the birth of their son Ethan William on August 19th. Ethan weighed 6 lbs and 10 oz and was 18 ½ inches long. His grandparents are Randy and Rhonda Goulder.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hunter and Amber Scott. They wed on Saturday, August 24th at 7:00 in the evening at the Mirimichi Golf course. The parents of the bride are Wanda and Cecil Starnes.

PUPPET SHOW! The High School students will put on another puppet show during the Joint Sunday School classes on September 29th! Can't wait to see what they have in store for us this time! This is a new ministry area for our church. If you have any ideas or PUPPETS that you would like to contribute please let us know.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE GOD IS GOOD! Ann Blackmon 20 yrs, Meredith Cavin 3 yrs, Molly Huffman 1 yr, and Joe Sides 1 yr.

PLEASE NOTE On Sunday Sept. 8th a special offering will be taken for the Dunlap Retirement Center. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution to this offering.

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