

Replacement Theology – Satan’s Alternative to The Christ.

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In the Greek of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, Anti-something means replacement or alternative. Hence ‘antigraphieo’ = ‘copy of document’, ‘anti-christ’ = ‘replacement for Christ’ Something similar, but not the original or genuine. A facsimile or representation.

Ever since the time of the genuine Christ, Satan has been populating his world with his ‘alternative Christs’. Boy, has Satan got a Christ for you. And me.

Satan knows he can’t oppose the True Christ directly and win. He can only attempt to draw folks away after his false ‘Christs’. He doesn’t say there is no Christ. He offers us a phoney Christ, to keep us away from the genuine Christ of God, Jesus of Nazareth, the only begotten Son of God.

Satan is an expert theologian. An expert psychologist. He knows our ‘spiritual’, emotional and carnal longings. Satan’s ‘Christs’ do not ask us to take up our cross, die daily and follow them. They are much more accommodating, rational and civilised. They are much less demanding of half hearted, double-minded men of little to zero faith.

The alternative to the Christ is sought by us when we have no stomach for the True Christ.

Those with no desire whatsoever to give God any semblance of worship do not require any sort of false Christ or false worship. They are ‘happy’ as they are.

Those of us with a desire to do the required ‘worship’ of God but not ready to repent of our own thoughts, embrace the cross, deny our own flesh and follow after Jesus, seek an alternative ‘Way’ to worship towards God. Satan has a golden calf waiting for these. He has a priest eager to get busy leading the people into ‘worship’. Bring on the theatre, the spectacle, the music, the dance, the sacrifice, the eating and drinking ‘unto God’.

I find that when I am fascinated by Jesus, delighting myself in Him, being clothed with Him, putting Him on as a garment; Eating and drinking Him, seeking out His company, leadership, lordship, support, help, deliverance; then I have no desire for ‘another Christ’.

When I drift from dying daily, taking up my cross and following (sticking to) Jesus, then the facsimile ‘Christ’ with access by a formula, bible study, programmed prayer, incantations, chanting, external things of the flesh seem to automatically become the default replacement. This may fool my carnal nature and soul but my spirit dies.

How to spot the difference.

The woman at the well in Samaria told the folks of the village about Jesus, saying, is this not the Christ? The folks who heard her testimony of what Jesus had did, believed because of what she said. Later, after seeing and hearing (coming into contact with) Jesus, they believed that He was the Christ, the Anointed Deliverer, because of this contact, not because of what they’d heard second hand. An alternative Christ will always be second hand. Imaginary. Fancied.

The True Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the Son of Man, can be contacted. This is how He saves us, by us coming to Him, and He abiding, staying with us.

We can turn away from our own thoughts, our own control of our lives (an illusion anyway.) and turn towards Him. If we seek Him, we will find Him. He will surely come to us.

Meanwhile, Jesus is waiting.

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