



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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**TOPIC: DECEIT**

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**TEXT: PROVERB 6:16 - 19**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

After the "HEAVEN" Convention, we have moved to the season of "New Beginning" and "Let there be light". Christians are to reflect the Light of Jesus Christ in a dark world. We are to beam the light of Christ in a world full of darkness. As children of the Light, there are some behaviours or actions that we should not be involved in. Mat4:14-16-"Ye are the light of the world..."

Today we want to look at an activity or behaviour we should avoid if we are to be indeed light of the world. As pilgrims on the way to heaven, sanctified and separated from sinful habits, we must avoid deceitful ways. Holiness must be our lifestyle

### **OUTLINE I**

#### **Meaning Of Deceit**

Deceit is the action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. An act of keeping the truth hidden, especially to get an advantage. The act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid.

Deceit is behaviour in words and actions, which is deliberately intended to make people believe things that are not true. It is totally contrary to the nature and purpose of God. Those who indulge in deception are agents of darkness. They do not and cannot reflect the light of God. Prov6:16-19. If you don't face a matter fairly or squarely then you will live in denial, which is the opposite of integrity. While on the topic of DECEIT, it is important to talk about INTEGRITY. The dictionary defines integrity as wholeness, soundness, trustworthiness, uprightness, honesty. It is a moral quality. 2Kings5:25-27, ICor10:13

We have read or heard many times of those who have climbed the ladder of success, have been highly educated, or have achieved great prominence in the world, only to then come tumbling down because of some issue of personal or corporate integrity.

Many professional people have a great deal of knowledge but lack integrity. For example, we see a marriage counsellor who, in spite of all his credentials, cannot hold his own marriage together, we see a psychiatrist who, overcome by his own problems, slides into depression. We see the economist who goes bankrupt playing the stock market. The church leader or Pastor who causes chaos and hurt when leaving his family for another woman. These are all deceitful lifestyles. Prov10:9, Prov28:18

### **OUTLINE II**

#### **God Is True**

God is upright and just. The Bible taught us that God is true and He cannot lie. Tit1:2, Num23:19, John14:6, 15:26, John16:13, IJohn2:27, Deut32:4, Rom3:4, Heb6:18, Heb1:9

### **OUTLINE III**

#### **Deceivers Are Children Of Satan**

Liars take after their father, the devil. Every deceiver is a child of the devil. Deceit and lying are natural with Satan. John8:44, Acts13:10, IJohn3:10, IThes2:9-10

### **OUTLINE IV**

#### **Deception Must Not Be Found In The People Of God**

Deception is an act or statement which misleads, hides the truth or promotes a belief, concept or idea that is not true. It is often done for personal gain or advantage

Christians must not indulge in deception. Those who deceive others cannot be regarded as genuinely Born Again Christians. Deceivers are agents of Satan and their end is in the bottomless pit with him. Job27:4-5, Psa24:3-4, Zeph3:13, Eph4:25, Col3:9, IPet3:10. Jn4:24, Rev21:8

### **OUTLINE V**

#### **Christians Should Not Allow Themselves To Be Deceived**

Believers are not only warned against deceiving people, BUT they should not allow themselves to be deceived. Eph5:6, Jer8-9, ICor15:33-34, Gal6:7, Col2:8, IThes2:3, IJn3:7-8

### **OUTLINE VI**

#### **Can a lie be Justified**

Contemporary society is increasingly facing and needing to deal with situational ethics, which would have us believe that sometimes, under certain situations, a lie is inevitable (allowed). A lie is never right, no matter what attempts we might make to justify it. Num23:19, IJohn2:21. God cannot lie and will never delegate to us the task of lying for Him. All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire. Rev21:8. The Bible does not advise that anyone in any situation ought to sin ICor10:13

### **CONCLUSION**

Those who deceive others or allow themselves to be deceived will receive God's judgment. Psa5:6, Deut25:13-16, Psa55:23, Acts5:9-10.