

The Disaster of Deception

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- I. The Command: Stop **Deceiving** Yourself: 'Be Not / Do Not Be Deceived'
- A. The Greek (μή πλανήσθε) English Transliteration *me planasthe*; the Negative Particle (μή) English Transliteration *me* Plus a Verb in the Present Tense and Imperative Mood *Which the Greek Verb* (πλανήσθε) English Transliteration *planasthe* Translated 'Deceived' Means To **Stop** Doing Something That You Are Currently Doing = **Quit** Deceiving Yourself
1. Believers Are **Personally Responsible** to Not Allow Themselves to Be Deceived cf 1 Cor. 6:9*; 15:33*, Gal. 6:7*; Eph. 5:6*; Col. 2:8; Heb. 3:13 James 2:15*; 2 Pet. 3:17; 1 Jn. 3:7* (Each verse with * the Greek verbs meaning deceit πλανάω, and απατάτω English Transliterations *planao* and *apatato* Are in the Imperative Mood and Thus a Command and Each of the Passages without the * Is Either the Verb πλανάω or the Noun πλάνη English Transliteration *plane* Is Used in a Context Where Another Verb Issuing a Command and Makes Not Being Deceived the **Believer's** *Personal Responsibility*
 2. Things Believers Are Either to Do, to *Know* or Beware of in Order to **Protect** Themselves Against the Deception of Sin
 - a. Know Deception Can Result in **Disaster** cf 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14 cf Gen. 3:1-24
 - b. Maintain **Fellowship** with a Body of Believers Where There Is a Focus on Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus, Our Savior and a Genuine, Continual Care and Concern for One Another cf Heb. 3:13; Acts 20:32; 2 Pet. 3:18
 - c. Know You Have an **Inward** Source of Deceit cf Heb. 3:13 Which Is Your **Sin Nature** cf Rm 7:7-25; Isa. 44:20
 - d. Know That the Power of the Sin Nature Over Us Has Been **Broken** and We Have Been Set **Free** from the Dominion of the Sin Nature cf Rm. 6:6: The Greek Word Translated: 'Might Be Destroyed' / 'Done Away With' / 'Brought to Nothing'
 - 1) The Word Is an Aorist Tense Form and Should Probably Be Understood as a Culminative Aorist Which Brings Out **Two** Thoughts:
 - a) The **Cessation** of the Verbal Action in This Case the *Destroying, the Doing Away with or the Bringing to Nothing* Has **Ended**

- b) The **Completion** of the Verbal Action in This Case the *Destroying, the Doing Away, Bringing to Nothing is Done*
- 2) The Meaning of the Word = To Render **Ineffective, to nullify**, to be **released**, from set **free** from cf Rm. 3:3, 31; 4:14; 7:2, 3, 6; 1 Cor. 1:28; Gal. 3:17
- e) **'Put off** The Old Man' cf Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:9-10: The Old Man, The Sin Nature, The Flesh = The Aspect of Our Immaterial Nature Which Seeks to Deceive, Enslave, and Dominate, Control our Hearts, Minds, Souls, Emotions, Volitions So That We Will Function Contrary to The Word of God and Thereby Separate (or Keep Us Separated) from God cf Jn. 8:34; Rm. 6:6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23; Rm. 7:5, 8, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25; 8:4, 5, 12; Rm. 13:14; 1 Cor. 10:2, 3; Gal. 5:13, 16, 17, 19, 24; 6:8; Eph. 2:3; 4:22; Col. 2:18, 23; 2 Pet. 2:18; 1 Jn. 2:16 / *We Put Off The Old Man by **Knowing**, **Believing** and **Applying** the Teaching of Rm. 6:6-23*
- i. The Putting Off of the Old Man Begins with **Knowing** and *Believing* That Our Old Man Is *Crucified* cf Rm. 6:6: The Word '**Knowing**' (γινώσκοντες) English Transliteration *ginoskontes* Present Tense, Active Voice, Masculine, Nominative Participle Form of the Verb (γινώσκω) English Transliteration *Ginosko* When the Word Is in This Particular Form It Gives Emphasis to *Knowing Something for **Sure*** and with Personal **Acknowledgment** of What Is Known as Being True cf Eph. 5:5; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2-3 2 Pet. 1:20; 3:3
- ii. *That Our Old Man Is **Crucified** i.e. Put to **Death** Which Does Not Mean the **Cessation** of the Old Man's Being But a **Separation** from the Old Man's Dominion Over You cf Rm. 6:7, 14, 18, 22 (for the Scriptural Concept of Death Denoting Separation Not Cessation of Being See Gen. 35:18; 1 Ki. 17:17-23; 2 Ki. 4:32-37; Lk. 16:22-31 (for physical death being the separation of the soul, spirit, heart, mind, emotional, volitional apparatus of the inner man separating from the physical body) cf Gen. 2:7; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 2:13; James 1:15; (for spiritual death which is the separation of a person from God)*