



are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming** (*metaschematizo* – disguise or to apply by accommodating) themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed (*metaschematizo* – disguised) into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers (*diakonos* – deacons – waiters of tables, attendants serving Satan's food – The tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil – all that is in the world – I will explain this later), also be transformed into the ministers of righteousness: whose end shall be according to their works. Paul is saying that these preachers coming to Corinth are preaching a Jesus (of some sort) a spirit (somewhat) and a gospel (of some kind). They are trying to present themselves and their "doctrine" (instruction) as the real thing. Paul is warning the church at Corinth that Satan comes looking *like* Jesus. He uses the same terminology and carries a Bible. Satan and his ministers come transforming themselves. Lets look at this word **Transform**.

*Metaschematizo* – meaning to disguise or to apply oneself by accommodation. Webster says *accommodation* means adaptation to a purpose or adjustment. It means a reconciliation of differences. When you reconcile differences, you allow each to keep his different beliefs but set them aside to "get along". This is called "agree to disagree agreeably". That is the Devil's Doctrine. He says "I am the kind of Jesus that will let you believe whatever 'doctrine' you want just don't talk about it. Lets all get along and slide into heaven together." Lets look at this word **Transformed** in the Greek Text. *Metaschematizo* is a construction of two Greek Words.

1. *Meta* – meaning accompaniment "amid" association – used in the same relation as participation or proximity and transfer or sequence.

2. *Schema* – a figure (as a mode or circumstance) an external condition – fashion (having an "outward form" of Godliness – II **Tim 3:5**) looking like it from a distance but with no power – *dunamis* – the gospel or resurrection.)

When Paul uses this word **Transformed** (*metaschematizo*) to describe Satan (this counterfeit Jesus), he is saying that you can go to a church. The false preacher will preach an *accommodating* Jesus. This is one who will "conform" to you. He will adapt his message (*doctrine* - instruction) and fashion himself to fit your current lifestyle. You won't have to change and conform to him. He will allow you to have your differences with the Bible and if anyone tries to correct (rebuke) you about what you believe he will have his minister (transformed) say something like this "Lets reconcile our differences, lets agree to disagree agreeably". Those are evil words of Satan. He will say, "Accept Jesus and you are home free." You don't have to change and conform to anything. I'm Jesus and I'll conform to you. This is not what Paul says in **Rom 8:29** For whom he did foreknow (*proginosko* – to have an intimate relationship with someone before), he also did predestinate (*pro'orizo* – to before bound in light) **TO BE CONFORMED** (*summorphos* – to be shaped like Christ in fellowship) to the image (*eikon* – likeness, similar) of his son (Jesus).

Paul says we are predestined "to conform" to Christ. He will not change *to* our ways and our thinking. The "real" Jesus does not accommodate us. He will not let us have our differences and agree to disagree. The writer of *Hebrews* speaks of the immutability of his[God's] counsel (*boule* – Will, purpose). Immutability means that he

will not bow or conform to our ways or accompany us with no change.

**Heb 6:17** Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel (*Will*).

Immutability is the Greek word *Ametathetos* – Its construction is as follows: A- the alpha or first letter of the Greek alphabet is used as a negative particle (negating the word following giving a complete opposite meaning.) When used this way the "A" or *alpha* (as a negative particle) is called the alpha primitive. Lets look at the following word that the alpha primitive negates (giving an opposite meaning). *Metathetos* is a composite of two syllables.

1. *Meta* – meaning to accompany or association as previously defined and
2. *Tithemi* – to level in a passive or horizontal posture.

This word *metathetos* means to bow or level oneself to associate with another. The alpha primitive (a) before this word negates the word meaning. The writer is saying that God will not (alpha) level his will to associate with us He will not conform and adjust to us.

This is the "other Jesus" when he *transforms* and *adjusts* to the people. Anyone who preaches a Jesus that conforms to an unchanging people is a minister of Satan and he calls his evil master "Jesus" from the pulpit.

We [the elect of God] agree with God. We never agree with the statement "to be agreeable" in anyway with false doctrine.

The word *confess* (*homologeō*) means to be "of the same word" and to agree with. We confess Christ and agree with him. *Homo* – of the same *logos*(word). *Confess* means to be of the same word at the same time. In the first century the Greeks said that if you confessed and "agreed" with someone you would do what they

said. You would be obedient to their words (doctrine or instruction).

The other Jesus changes his doctrine to fit the lives of his followers. The Jesus of the Bible changes for no one. He requires our repentance (*metanoia* – to be turned, to change and think differently). Those who belong to him must change and follow his doctrine (instruction). Speaking of the doctrine of Christ, Paul says **1 Tim 6:3** *If any man teach other wise (heterodidaskaleo – instruct differently, teach other doctrine) and consent (proserchomai – assent to, worship, approach, to come to) not to wholesome (hugiaino – to be uncorrupt or true in doctrine) words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ (The real Jesus) and to the doctrine (instruction) which is according to godliness (eusebeia – the*

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gospel scheme, good worship, holiness, purity); He is proud (*tuphoo* – blinded and consumed by a smoke with no fire – He can't see for seeing himself), knowing nothing (man knows nothing when he goes after another doctrine) – He is destitute of truth – *supposing that gain is godliness* (All other doctrines have money, things, and stuff as their doctrine saying things like, "See how the Lord has blessed me". Preachers who preach for money and gauge a man's spirituality by the gain of this world are messengers of Satan, transforming themselves into preachers of righteousness [falsely]. He will die in his sin preaching another Jesus from the pulpit. John speaks of how we are to treat those who corrupt themselves with this "gain is godliness gospel" (another

gospel).

**11 John 10** If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine (instruction) receive him not into your house, neither bid him *Godspeed*. For he that biddeth him *Godspeed* is partaker of his evil deeds.

The word *Godspeed* is the word *chairo*-meaning "to be cheerful" to be well, bid farewell, be glad, greet, hail, joy, and rejoice.

John says if a man brings any instruction (doctrine) other than the instruction of Christ do not be agreeable, do not be cheerful to such a person, do not feel joy or rejoice to see them; do not say "have a nice day." The word "grace" (*charis*) is the root word of *Chairo* (*Godspeed*) – do not be gracious to them. We are God's house (**Heb 3:6**). Do not bring them joyfully into fellowship with this house of God, "whose house are we." If a man receives this false doctrine into his fellowship putting his approval on it by "agreeing to disagree agreeably" then he is a partaker of this false teacher's evil messenger. He will suffer the judgment of God's indignation.

Paul says in **Rom 16:17,18** the thing that causes divisions (disunion) and offences (causing people to stumble) is contrary (*para* – near – we get our word parallel from *para*). It is a parallel doctrine. It looks and sounds good. It's close (*para* – near) and runs along beside truth. Paul says these preachers serve their own belly (the belly was said to be the seat of all sensual pleasures) and that it is by good words (*chrestologia* – plausible) and fair speeches, (*eulogia* – fine speaking) that these false preachers deceive the hearts of the simple (*akeraios* – innocent). The only way that you can tell the real Jesus from the other Jesus is by their doctrine.

The real Jesus says, "Take your cross, deny self, follow me, mortify the deeds of the flesh, enter the narrow way, in the world ye shall have tribulation, if the world hated and persecuted me they will persecute

and hate you, you have to go through the fire daily, you must suffer for righteousness sake, you must be reproached (defamed, become infamous) you must mourn and agonize over sin, be holy and much more."

The other Jesus says (his doctrine) just accept Christ, pray this prayer, God wants you happy and enjoying life with lots of good health and plenty of money. Just go to church and fill a pew. Don't cuss (much), drink (much), smoke (much), or chew (much). You'll be all right, after all, God understands that you're only human and we all sin a little. You're OK.

The only way that you can tell the difference in the two Jesus' (who they really are) is in their doctrine (instruction). **Rom 6:16,17** Know ye not to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey (his instructions), whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of "doctrine" (instruction), which was delivered you.

If the Jesus you serve conforms to your lifestyle and requires no repentance and change in you -- You've got the wrong Jesus.

## DOCTRINE IS EVERYTHING.

*Jim*  
Keep studying  
**1 Tim 2:15**

give him a scorpion" (Luke 11:12). "When thou doest thine alms do not sound a trumpet before thee" (Matt 6:2), "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matt 6:3), "Time of figs" (Mark 11:13), "Say to this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea" (Mark 11:23), "The axe is laid unto the root of the trees" (Matt 3:10), "The world" (John 3:16 - not what you think), "destroying mountain" (Jer 51:25), "Them that are without" (I Cor 5:13), "Washed my feet with tears" (Luke 7:44), "holy land (*Talmud*), heavens and earth" (Isa 65:17), "To deliver such a one unto satan" (I Cor 5:5), "Blotting out the handwriting" (Col 2:14), "Strive" (Luke 13:24), and much much more.

You see, they had as many as we have. You cannot think you know by 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century English thinking what these words and phrases meant. They had "EXACT" definition and application. Without studying the men who have maintained these

idioms and metaphors it is impossible to know what they really mean. You can guess night and day for a year and if you haven't studied or heard these taught by authorities on the Greek world and Jewish background it is not possible to know what these mean.

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