

THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL SEDUCTION

I John 2:26-29

Introduction:

- A. The congregation to whom John wrote had experienced a division.
 - 1. vs. 19 "They went out from us."
 - 2. vs. ... "they went out."

- B. The leaders of this movement were men who were doctrinally unsound.
 - 1. They denied that Jesus is the Christ. vs.22
 - 2. They denied the Son. vs.23

- C. These leaders lessened the moral and ethical standards of Christ.
 - 1. "love not the world.." 15,16,17.
 - 2. Those who do less than Jesus taught always excuse themselves and all others.
 - 3. Luke 14:25-35.

- D. The "other part" of the church had been seduced by these false teachers.
 - 1. vs.26
 - 2. "seduce" = to make to wander, to lead astray.
 - 3. Webster: "seduce" = to persuade to disobedience or disloyalty.
 - 4. Other places it is used in the N.T.
 - a. Mark 13:21-28.
 - b. Rev. 2:20.

I. PROFILE OF THE SEDUCERS.

- A. They are hypocritical.
 - 1. I John 1:6,7
 - 2. Mark 13:22 "...shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if possible, even the elect."

- B. They are self-righteous.
 - 1. 1:18
 - 2. 1:10

- C. They are filled with hate.
 - 1. 2:9-15
 - 2. 4:20

- D. They are unrighteous.
 - 1. vs. 29
 - 2. 3:7

- E. They were stingy and without compassion.
 - 1. 3:17

- F. They are of the world.
 - 1. 4:5

- G. They taught heresy.
 - 1. 2:18
 - 2. 4:3

- H. They were never committed to they concept of, "we, the church."
 - 1. vs. 19
 - 2. The church was always a group of people doing wrong. A group they never belonged to.

II . THE STEPS TO SPIRITUAL SEDUCTION

- A. Trust and act on the knowledge God has given you.
 - 1. These people knew the truth!
 - a. 2:21
 - b. 2:27

- B. Abide in Christ.
 - 1. vs. 28
 - 2. You will not be seduced! (ashamed)

C. Try the spirits. vs. 4:1

1. "try" = assay, to make trial of, put to the proof, examine.
2. "If people protest a trial you may assume the worst."

IV. RESULTS OF BEING SEDUCED.

A. You loose.

1. "ashamed before him at his coming."
2. The judgement seat of Christ.

B. Jezebel at Thyatira.

1. Rev. 2:22

C. Absalom.

1. II Sam. 18:9-14

D. A sin unto death.

1. I John 5:16

