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What does God's Word Say About...

Church of Satan

Webster's definition of religion is "something a person believes in and follows devotedly." Based on this definition atheism is a religion. Any religion outside of the word of God is a false religion and is in the control of Satan. Paul called false teachers "deceitful workers" and wrote "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Yes, according to this scripture even Satan has a church.

Paul described any religious belief outside of the true church as "adulterating the word of God...and even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:2-4). Satan is not only called the "god of this world" but also the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31, 16:11). Jesus called Satan "the evil one" (Matthew 6:13). Jesus described Satan as a "liar and a murderer" (John 8:44). Paul defined Satan as the "prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). In the book of Revelation John gave Satan several names: "the great dragon," and "the serpent of old who is called the devil" (Rev. 12:9).

How does Satan "blind the minds of the unbelieving?" He does this by appealing to our various lusts (1 John 2:15-17), by removing God's word from the hearts of those who hear it (Luke 8:5, 12), by providing temptations so that believers will fall away from the faith (Luke 8:6, 13). And lastly, by providing "cares, riches and pleasures" to keep Christians from maturing in God's word (Luke 8:7, 14).

Some of Satan's best work is accomplished through false teachers who "disguise themselves" as evangelists, pastors, reverends, and theologians. These men represent themselves as religious workers but they serve religion and not Jesus. The apostle John commended the church at Ephesus who would not "tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles and they are not, and you found them to be false" (Rev. 2:2). Jesus told the disciples to "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits... (Matt. 7:15-16).

How would we know that we are not members of the "church of Satan"? The apostle John said, "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:1-3). Anyone who does not keep the commandments given to us in the New Testament can be said to attend "the church of Satan."

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