

nm The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 5

What in the World is the Cosmic Believer?
Part 3



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson








Today we are going to take a little deeper look at what the cosmic believer is like and how he behaves in the cosmic system of Satan. How do cosmic believers behave? Good question. I know, kids, that it would be very difficult for any of you to fall into this system of Satan's. You have the Word!!!

Here's an interesting fact: there are two cosmic systems of Satan! But you say isn't one enough? You would think!!! But for our lesson today we're going to look into only one of them and in a very general way, okay?

In cosmic living, you become so totally preoccupied with yourself that you start to believe that anyone who pleases you or stimulates you or makes you feel good must be telling you the truth no matter what. You know how it is, right? If you really like someone, you want to believe them pretty much. Then if you have been living in Satan's world too long you will believe them completely whether they tell you the truth or not! Many times they want you to join them in the world and leave your routine of taking in God's Word everyday and applying it. Then if you do join them, you will lose the ability to have a true picture of things. Your brain button that tells you if someone is good for you or bad for you from Bible doctrine is kind of turned off! UH OH!!! Remember if and when you reject truth, you will believe the lie in the cosmic system if you're in there long enough and I know in my heart that none of you would choose to be in there for very long, right? You know too much doctrine.

If you stay in the cosmic system too long, you can be deceived by it. You have the Holy Spirit to guide you always when you are in fellowship so always listen to your conscience and He will prevent you from getting involved with it. If you do stay in too long, the result is that you can be deceived by certain people who know nothing of the Word of God and believe the lies of Satan. Those who believe the lie burned-out and have a seared conscience. Let me explain with a verse from our wonderful Bible: *1Tim 4:1-2 "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith (stop studying and applying God's Word) by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons (listening to people who absolutely live in the cosmic system and have no Bible doctrine and believe and teach something contrary to the Bible), through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared..."* Cosmic lies destroy the good values of God's Truth that you once believed in and followed in obedience to God's Word. When a believer remains in the cosmic system long enough, all his good values (norms and standards) related to God's Truth start to fade and may burn away!!! So in other words, if you listen to these people who want to influence you away from the plan of God, you'll get a burned out conscience like them. REMEMBER though...God is greater than all of this and will be right there for you when you change your mind and get right back into the plan. Even the Holy Spirit prays for us deeply when we go down the wrong path for too long. He'll get you right back to God the Father and your spiritual walk.

There are eight (8) levels to the cosmic system of Satan. These are the stages of deception or what happens to the believer if he or she gets involved or lives in the cosmic system without confession. The longer you are in the cosmic system, the more you develop or move into each stage or level. It takes a very long time to get to any level especially the last level 6!! I know for a fact that none of you will ever go there, okay? But let's look so you can enjoy what God has for you:

1. Reaction and distraction. This first stage or level means that when you're out of fellowship and living under the old sin nature only, you will react and become sensitive in many situations where once you were able to handle yourself by applying God's Word in your soul. Instead you are distracted by many things and you may get self-centered so you react instead of respond sensibly in unpleasant situations. For a while you might stop thinking like Jesus. You might even have a tantrum or pitch a fit!! But seriously in other words you might get hypersensitive and argue when hurt. You might try to defend yourself. You might place more importance on the things or people than on the Word of God. Your sin nature will fight to take over in this stage. Only you know your sin nature and how you will act when it is in control. If these things happen only once in a while, you can be sure you're very normal and can bounce right back. **1 Tim 6:3-4** says, "If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in unity with spirituality (godliness), he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for arguments and quarrels about words, which produce envy, upset, slander and evil suspicions..." 
2. Frantic search for happiness. This stage happens if you don't confess and continue to be totally absorbed in yourself. If you stay out of fellowship NOTHING will much satisfy you anymore because you forgot to confess. This is about as far as you will get in these stages of the cosmic system because you all love God so much; I can't imagine you going past here. So if you get here you might rush around trying to find things to make you happy but you are never satisfied! You fall into whatever the trend of your sin nature might be but believe me, God will get your attention and you'll realize there isn't anything more satisfying than being in God's plan. Only Bible doctrine in your soul can give you true happiness...it is a gift from God for obedience to His plan. **2 Tim 3:4** "...people are two-faced or disloyal, reckless, full of themselves, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." 
3. Operation boomerang. This next stage is what results from your constant frantic search for happiness in the cosmic system. You never find it and the things you seek to make you happy in frantic search for happiness backfire on you and make you unhappy. Failure to get the happiness you searched for causes misery and sadness. You won't go into this as I said before because you know what to do to stay in God's plan. HE LOVES YOU and will do ANYTHING to help you. 
4. Emotional revolt of the soul. This results from of living on your emotions or feelings (usually negative ones) instead of using common sense or thinking like Christ. **Jeremiah 17:9a** says "the heart (your mind's right lobe) is more deceitful (with mental attitude sins) than anything else and is terribly sick (against God's Word)." Emotional revolt is when your sin nature totally unites with Satan's policy of human good and evil! 
5. Permanent negative volition. This is when the believer totally leaves his spiritual duties and principles and makes bad decisions from his weak position in his sin nature which now is totally ruling him. 

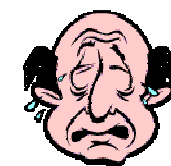
6. Blackout of the soul. In this stage all you do is suck up lies and deception like a vacuum cleaner! Your soul is empty of the Word of God and FULL of doctrines of demons!!! Like I said, you probably will never, ever get here. 1 Tim 4:1 says, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times (of the Church Age...that's us NOW) some (of you) will leave the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings from demons." Eph 6:12 tells us, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." However, you must NEVER forget that: 1 John 4:4 "Greater is HE that is IN you than he (Satan) who is in the world."



7. Scar tissue of the soul. This stage is also known as "hardness of heart" stage. Remember how God hardened Pharaoh's heart when he refused to let the Jews go 10 times in Exo 10:27? "But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go." Not many believers get to this stage. Unbelievers yes, believers NO because you have the Trinity living inside you. NO WORRIES!



8. Total state of apostasy. This is the last stage where the person (most likely for an unbeliever) is totally and completely influenced by evil.



Life in the world or Satan's cosmic system destroys lives. Your life is meant for good in the plan God. The Holy Spirit will keep you in the plan if you let Him everyday. He'll even prevent you from going past stage one. Remember God's preventative will? You got it! So don't quit or fall for Satan's many colored temptations. They look beautiful and they are satisfying for a little while but as you can see by this in depth study of his system, it doesn't last!!!! He can't touch you when you are in God's plan. Don't let him steal your blessings and happiness away from you. James 4:7 "Submit (obey God) yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Be like Jesus. Heb 12:1-3 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (Old and New Testament winner believers), let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him (that's us) endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."



Stick with the plan of God and you will win your race and glorify your Father in Heaven. Then neither Satan or his cosmic system can touch you!

Close in prayer

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