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# **2 Corinthians 11:1-3**

**Title: The simplicity of Christ**

**We'll discuss a matter of great importance today. Can a Christian be deceived? How do you defend against being deceived? How can we help others who might be?**

**Paul has a godly jealousy for his  
readers (2 Corinthians 11:2). That  
desire distinguishes him from the false  
apostles.**

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

**Be clear: God is a jealous God — He  
has a desire for His people and their  
obedience, and deservedly so.**

**Numbers 25:6-13, Deuteronomy 4:20-27**

**The term chaste virgin (2 Corinthians 11:2) refers to a certain purity in doctrine (Ephesians 5:22-27) as the church awaits a marriage to come.**

**That marriage: Revelation 19:1-7**

**The serpent Paul mentioned in 2  
Corinthians 11:3 was crafty — and he's  
deceiving many even now.**

**Genesis 3:6-13; 1 Timothy 2:9-14**

**Make no mistake: Our enemy's  
obligation is to deceive.**

**Matthew 24:21-27, John 8:39-47, 2  
Thessalonians 2:1-5**

**How do we avoid deception and aid others in doing so? Hew to the scriptures. If you can't read it, perhaps you don't need it.**

**Colossians 2:1-8, 1 John 4:1-6**

**How do we avoid deception and aid others in doing so? Consider the very Christ, and Him crucified.**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians  
1:18-25**

**Many in our dark world believe in another Jesus, which was of grave concern to Paul — and it should greatly concern us by extension. We'll discuss why next week, Lord willing.**