

## The Foundation For Deception

### Galatians 6:7-8

Intro:

- A. Paul has warned his readers against self-deception.
  - 1. **Vs. 3** It involves false evaluation.
  - 2. It involves a false conclusion.
- B. To avoid self-deception takes effort.
  - 1. **Vs. 4** We should "prove" our own work.
  - 2. **Vs. 5** We should assume our responsibilities.
  - 3. **Vs. 6** We should do our duty.
- C. Paul warns again and gives the basis of deception.
  - 1. **Vs. 7** "**Be not deceived;**"
  - 2.  $\pi\lambda\alpha\nu\alpha\omega$  = "to make to wander", "cause to err", "lead astray", used of religious deceit.

#### I. The Foundation For Deception.

- A. "**God is not mocked:**"
  - 1.  $\mu\upsilon\kappa\tau\eta\rho\iota\zeta\omega$  = "to turn up one's nose at in scorn", "to deride", "to ridicule". those who believe they make God seem ridiculous by outwitting Him and evading His laws.
  - 2. "Don't be under any illusion: you cannot made a fool of God!" - Phi
  - 3. These pretenders could not teach law-keeping and neglecting to support the ministry with impurity and escape the judgment of God.
- B. This is the hall-mark of our age!
  - 1. Abortion.
  - 2. Homosexuality.
  - 3. The family.
  - 4. Honesty.
  - 5. False Christianity.

#### II. The Divine Law And One's Flesh.

- A. **Vs. 7b** "...for whatsoever a man soweth,"
  - 1. "Soweth" =  $\sigma\pi\epsilon\iota\rho\omega$  = "to scatter seed".
  - 2. "The things you put in motion".
- B. "...that shall he also reap."
  - 1. "Reap" =  $\theta\epsilon\rho\iota\zeta\omega$  = "to gather in the harvest".
  - 2. "Will multiply and return in kind."
- C. **Vs. 8a** "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption..."

1. "Flesh" = σαρξ = "the outward form", "human nature", "that which arises from one's depravity">
2. "Corruption" = φθορά = "a spoiling", "destruction", "bringing to a worse state".
3. The sowing is to the flesh of the doer and it is the doer who reaps the harvest.
4. This is selfishness, self-indulgence and self-promotion.

### III. The Divine Law And The Spirit.

- A. **Vs. 8b "but he that soweth to the Spirit..."**
  1. "Soweth" = σπειρω = "to scatter seed".
  2. "Spirit" = πνευμα = "that which is of life", "that which gives life", "the inner being".
  3. "...but if he sows in the field of the spirit".
- B. **"...shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."**
  1. "Reap" = θεριζω = "to do the work of summer and therefore to bring in the harvest".
  2. "Life" = ζωη = "all that lives", "it describes the life we have because of the new birth. It is the opposite of death or dying".
  3. "Everlasting" = αιωνιος = "belonging to the constant".
  4. Since God is the giver of spiritual life as a result of faith in Christ it is eternal or everlasting because it comes from the "incorruptible sperm".

### IV. King David An Example.

- A. David sows to the Spirit.
  1. He is angered by Goliath.
  2. He is anointed by Samuel.
  3. He saves Saul's life.
  4. He becomes king of Judah.
  5. His prayers and Psalms.
- B. David sows to his flesh. **II Sam 11:1**
  1. David did not go to war, he sent Joab, "But David tarried in Jerusalem."
  2. David loafed on the house top. He saw Bathsheba bathing and she was beautiful.
  3. David began an intrigue to have her. He sent for her and she became with child.
  4. He sent for Uriah to come home from war but he would not go in to Bethsheba.
  5. David sent Uriah into battle and then had his men withdraw and left Uriah, a valiant man, to be slain.

6. David married the widow.
7. Nathan rebuked David.
8. David reaps a harvest. The child dies, and David mourns.

