

**'UNDERSTANDING DECEPTIONS' Pt1** Stewart Patrick, 14 February 2016

[2 Corinthians 11:2-3 NIV](#) (2) I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. (3) But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

- Lies and partial truths are the main source of power in Satan's life, and if you receive a lie, it might as well be true for you. (E.g. fear from a lie will keep you in a snare).
- How did the serpent (Satan - 'shining one') entice Eve? Lies that were partly the truth.

**Genesis 3:1 "...Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"**

• ***God's restriction on you is mean, uncaring***

**"...You will certainly not die."**

• ***Have no fear of God***

**"...you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

• ***God's restriction on you is unfair***

- ***"A lie which is all a lie may be met and fought with outright, But a lie which is part a truth is a harder matter to fight."*** Alfred Lord Tennyson 'The Grandmother' poem.
- Consider Jesus temptation in the wilderness and you will see the same half-truth pattern; [Matthew 4:2-3 NIV](#) After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (3) The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."... (***"God's leading you to fasting, is mean"***) [4:6](#) "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."***(Have no fear of God, you won't die)"*** ... [4:8-9](#) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. (9) "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." (***God's way of the Cross for you, is unfair. I can give kingdoms Jesus"***)
- **On this 'Valentines Day', let's look at practical examples of staying firm in 'the Truth' - Christ, not enticed by the enemy's half-truths...**
- **'Oneness' - 3 fascinating depictions in Scripture for believers;**
  - 1) Your oneness with Christ, the Father, Holy Spirit**
  - 2) Your oneness in the Church of Jesus Christ**
  - 3) Your oneness in marriage with your husband/wife.**
- Do not let Satan define anything. He will do it by the area of 'the flesh', not the Spirit.