**Deception – Deceiving Others**

1. **Kosmic System** – devil’s system of deception appealing to mankind’s self-centered nature

* People & earthly treasures are the source of man’s needs/desires

1. **Self Deception** – beliefs, expectations and love strategies to meet our needs

* Believe the devil’s lies, training them into habits & patterns of behavior

1. **Deceiving Others** – living behind a mask of pretense

* Impressing others to persuade them to like and love us

**4:17-19** believers who know the truth but not living the truth – taught that it was acceptable to learn the doctrines but live the way they had always lived – immoral degeneracy – moral degeneracy

* Acceptable to live contrary or other than what you know to be the truth - pretenders

**Eph 4:20-21** But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

1. Gnostics taught that the physical body was evil & didn’t matter what you did with it – sin at will
2. If (1cc – since) you actively listened - were receptive to be taught **truth in Jesus** (humanity)

**22** *that, in reference to your former manner of life, you* ***take off*** *layers of the* ***old man****, which is being* ***corrupted,*** *dominated by schemes appealing to your desires.*

1. Take off – ***apotithemi*** AMInf – take off layers/clothing, remove; **Aor**: see false logic; **Middle**: reflexive

***Infinitive*** – the purpose/result of teaching; **Act 7:58** take off coats; **Rom 13:12** take off deeds/darkness; **Col 3:8** take off mental sins; **Heb 12:1** every encumbrance & besetting sin; **Jam 1:21** immoral & wicked; **1Pt 2:1-2**

* **Does not mean** to ignore, overlook, discount, pass over or to leave something in place like you found it
* Can’t remove OSN, can remove false logic we developed influenced by OSN + Kosmic lies

1. Old Self – human, system of beliefs, hopes (expectations) & love strategies built from kosmic system

* Systems of human logic with goal of meeting our needs/desires through people, situation & things
* Put on in layers by what we choose to believe day to day based on our relational experiences

1. Corrupted – kosmic beliefs are schemes to deceive us by attaching our desires/needs to people & things

* Old belief system formed by man centered lies, moves away from God & w/out His word/power

***23*** *and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

1. Renewed – ***ananoeo*** PPInf – make brand new – divine beliefs, hopes & love strategies; cp. ***anakaino*** – maker better Rom 12:2, Tit 3:5

* Use the truth/word to create a new logic, new way of believing, thinking, feeling & behaving

1. Spirit of your mind – ***pneuma*** – attitude; the disposition or temperament that fills and governs the soul

* Thinking of Jesus replacing old self produces an hopeful, confident & loving disposition

**24** *put on the new man, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness & holiness of the truth.*

1. Put on – ***enduo*** AMInf – put on layers of clothing; Mt 27:28, 31; Mk 15:20; Lk 15:22Mt 6:25; 22:11; Mk 1:6; 6:9; Lk 8:27; 12:22; Ac 12:21; Lk 24:49 – clothed with power; Ro 13:14 put on Lord Jesus Christ; Ro 13:12 armor of light; Eph 6:11 armor of God; 1 Thes 5:8 put on armor
2. New man – ***kainos*** – better & superior – beliefs, hopes & love strategies of Jesus – likeness of God
3. Created – ***ktizo*** – creative act of God; Mt 19:4; Mk 13:19, 1Tim 4:3 – creation of world, men and women

* New Man is the creation of GHS using Lord’s righteous & holy beliefs, thoughts & patterns of behavior

1. From the truth – new man belief system put together by individual concepts from the truth of God’s word

**25** Therefore having taken off our lies, speak truth each *one* with his neighbor, we are members of one another

1. Having taken off – ***apotithemi*** AMPtc – one false concept producing man centered logic at a time
2. The Lie – ***ho*** ***pseudos*** – man centered doctrines of kosmic system – **Jn 8:44** lies of your father the devil; **2Thes 2:9** deceptions of the devil – twice in 4 verses Paul explains what to do with false logic – **remove it.**

* False logic when allowed to remain, tempts us to commit the same sins over & over again

1. Speak truth – ***laleo*** PAImp – speak the truth of God’s logic to one another as members of His body

**Eph 1:13** – word of truth/gospel; **4:15** speaking truth in love; **4:20** truth in Jesus; **6:14** armor of God

1. **Kosmic system promotes man-centered sources/solutions to fill our emptiness - deceive self by believing the love/approval of people can fill our hearts & that we must make ourselves appealing to people by hiding what we consider undesirable & enhancing human qualities others find appealing - deception**
2. Kosmic Lie - love/approval of people is source for +H – increasing our appeal 🡪 more approval & +H
3. Deceive Self – need people’s approval – must find a means of hiding flaws & enhancing appeal
4. Deceive Others – avoid revealing flaws & weaknesses – mimic what works for others – construct a mask of desired and acceptable language, ideas and behaviors to fit what the world calls beautiful.
5. The False Self – development of a socially required (manners) or socially desired (popular) persona from behind which we conduct our behaviors & interact with loved ones and other believers – **The Mask**
6. Public Self - present only our mask, identify ourselves as the mask & eventually lose awareness of our true self, the raw, needy, vulnerable child within – **God rejects your mask – wants you as the child**

***2 Tim 3:5*** *holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.*

1. **OSN is in your body only, not in your soul – your needy, vulnerable soul/self is who God loves & wants to transform to believe, think, feel & act like Jesus.**
2. Mask of socially acceptable traits is a type of religion – rituals performed to please your gods – people
3. God does not accept or interact with your mask, even when you properly recite the prayer formula

**Mt 6:1-18** – giving, prayer, fasting is private – don’t wear a religious mask in public to be seen by men

1. Old self/mask is a habituated belief system stored in your brain (body), salvation & GHS freed your soul to remove false logic, use doctrine to build the mind of Christ & then become like Jesus for real.
2. **Kosmic system promotes the idea that true inner, transformative change is not possible causing even believers who learn God’s word remain deeply unchanged – not possible to actually become like Christ.**
3. We clean up **what people see** but we use doctrine to **remake our mask into a Christian mask**
4. Look behind mask – expose hidden, true, needy soul/self – surrender vulnerable, wounded self to God

**Eph 4:17-19 -** *that you* ***walk no longer*** *like the Gentiles/unbelievers* – saved but at the core, the same person

1. We look for a human actions to perform to induce God’s blessing – rituals, study, serve, emote
2. **Mechanics of spiritual growth, also called transformation, empowered by GHS using the truth of God’s word/logic is a threefold spiritual process by which the believer chooses to change & become like Jesus.**
3. Learning – renewing bel’s ideas - GHS assembles pieces of CBD to form the big picture – enlightenment
4. Take Off – recognizing, confronting & removing false human logic producing sin & human good

* Not: suppress, ignore, deny the false logic of the worldly system – confront, reject & remove it

1. Put On – replace kosmic/human logic with divine logic of Jesus to love others like Christ

Rom. 13:12-14, 4:22-25, Col. 3:8-14, 1The 5:6-8, Heb. 12:1, Jas. 1:21, 1 Pet. 2:1-2

1. **Mature believer breaks free from slavery to human agenda (earthly treasure & mask) enabling him/her to regain awareness & access to his soul (inner child) & then grow the child into Christ-like adulthood.**
2. Christians remaining enslaved to pursuit earthly treasures, simply adjust the mask to appear spiritual
3. Aware of Old programming, W/HS, listening for habitual lies (inner dialogue), reject lies, embrace truth
4. Believers are indwelt by GHS, filled with biblical truth, if free from human agenda, then free to embrace God’s agenda to surrender everything to Him for Him to accomplish His purpose through your soul.