Know Your Enemy

Be not deceived. Be not ignorant of satans devices! Be not ignorant of a deceived church:

How satan works......he **deceives**. Satan works thought our flesh! Satans's devices: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these.

Galations 5 19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

- 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galations 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

- 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Verse 1 States, O foolish Galations (foolish saints) who hath bewitched you (put you under an evil spell; deceived you?), not to obey the truth.

Verse 2 said, this only will I ask you, did you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith?

Verse 3 asks, are you so foolish? Having began in the spirit are you now made perfect by the flesh---now the works of the flesh are- adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, and drunkenness. Our enemy! We are not one another's enemy! We are the church—I can't over emphasize this! We are the Lord's Body, His Bride!!!

Galations 5:1-18 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

- 2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.
- 3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

- 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.
- 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
- 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.
- 7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?
- 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.
- 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.
- 10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.
- 11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.
- 12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.
- 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
- 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Be not ignorant of Satan's lies, His deceit;

In verse 1, stand fast in the liberty of Christ, for He has set us free of the works of the flesh.

In verse 2, Satan tried to deceive the church in Galatia by telling them through false teachers that they must be circumcised.

Verse 3, According to the Jewish law—that God had commanded Abraham in order to be saved! But Paul said if you be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

Verse 4, If you are circumcised, Paul said Christ is become of no effect unto you. <u>You have fallen from grace.</u>

Verse 5, states we are saved by grace----(the unmerited, unearned favor of God) through faith and that not of ourselves it is the gift of god; not of works lest any man should boast!

Verse 6, For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith--which worketh by love.

Paul said that today that true believers are not those who are circumcised of the flesh as the Jewish Nation – But the True Believers hath been spiritually circumcised of the heart having put off the works of the flesh, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, etc.

Verse 7, Ye did run well – who did hinder you that you should not obey the Truth - Jesus has taught us that He is the way, the Truth, and the life.

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For Satan as a roaming lion goes about seeking whom he may devour. It doesn't say, whom he can devour. For Satan doesn't have the power to devour anyone – You have to let him devour you – by doing the works of the Flesh.

Verses 8-18 – Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If you are under the Spirit, you are not under the law of sin and death.

Verses 22-25 – We have spoke of the works of the flesh but let us now see the Fruits of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Finally Church I say to you again, be not ignorant of Your Enemy Satan - and his devises of the flesh.

For the Servant of the Lord must not strive – argue, debate, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves. (They are their own worst enemy) If God, peradventure, will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, and that they ay recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him (Satan) at his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26.