

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

The Apostle / Shepherd
walks in the Spirit of
Christ

2 Corinthians 10-13 Three groups



The
wolves



The
sheep



The
shepherd

Matthew 13:24-29

Why did Jesus forbid the disciples from removing the weeds from the wheat?

- The weeds could be won over with love.
- They were not to judge others.
- The weeds just need to be understood.
- Removing the weeds may injure the wheat.
- The weeds have rights that need respect.
- The weeds would die on their own.

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“¹ Now I, Paul, myself urge you **by the meekness and gentleness of Christ** - I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent! ² I ask that when I am present I may not be bold with the confidence with which **I propose to be courageous against some**, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.”

True Apostles are Christ-like.

*In dealing with the sheep:
Meek inwardly, Gracious outwardly.*

*In dealing with the wolves:
Courageous inwardly, Bold outwardly.*

“Thy Rod and thy Staff, they comfort me.”

“and we are ready to punish all disobedience,”

Verse 6

“whenever your obedience is complete.”



The wolves



The sheep

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“³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ **We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive** to the obedience of Christ.”

True Apostles are lion like in spiritual warfare.

False teaching can be attractive, sophisticated, and captivating.

The issue is how we see God.

The battlefield is the mind.

Lifting pages from Satan's play book

Satan is an angel of light.

Angel = Messenger



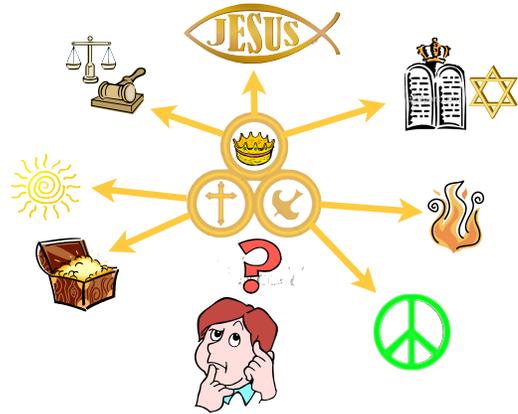
Satan vs. Eve
Genesis 3

Satan vs. Jesus
Matthew 4

“accuser of the brethren”
Revelation 12:10

“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

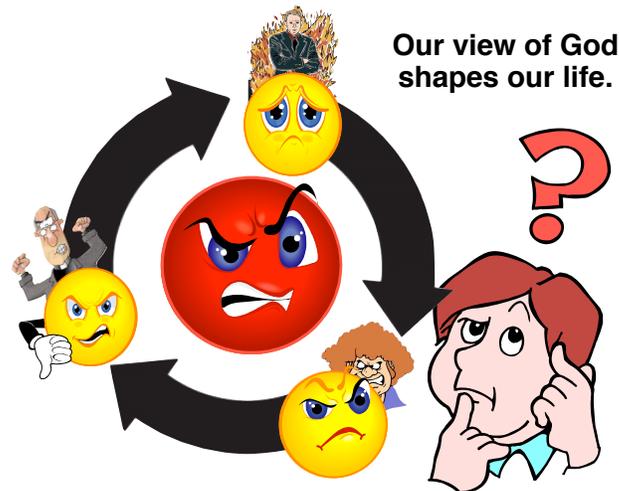
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Our view of God shapes our life.



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“% and we are ready to punish all disobedience, **whenever your obedience is complete.**”

True Apostles are careful to protect the sheep while going after the wolves.

The parable of the weeds in the wheat.
Matt 13:24-29

The importance of the truth is seen in the harsh treatment of the wolves .

The key to understanding the ministry of the Apostles and others who are walking in the power of the Spirit.

- ✓ The way we understand God is important.
- ✓ Spiritual warfare is a mind game.
- ✓ Protecting the sheep is a high priority.
- ✓ Treatment of the wolves is harsh.
- ✓ Spiritual power is not marked by worldly charisma, or muscle.
- ✓ Spiritual power is tied closely to truth.