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**The Grand Illusion**

2 Corinthians 3:12-14 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: (13) And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: (14) But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. (KJV)

Have you ever noticed with so called magicians and illusionists that they put a veil or covering over an object then make it appear or disappear? Many false prophets do the same thing by keeping the congregation veiled and in the dark concerning God’s simple plan of salvation. Many try to bring God down to man’s level of thinking and operating rather than rising up to the realm of the Spirit. Many of these people veil their true motives for serving the Lord, then twist the scriptures to make it fit their fallen agenda.

John 6:63-65 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (64) But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. (65) And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. (KJV)

You can’t please our Father in heaven without faith; believing more in the completed work that His Son did on our behalf. Your input or way of doing things is limited and will not get the results our Lord intended for you, rather they will leave you empty and void. It’s amazing how many of God’s people don’t really experience all that our Lord has for them because they are not willing to let go of the old to partake of the new. It would amaze you also to see how few of the preachers and teachers would be willing to point you more to the Lord and less to themselves.

2Corinthians 3:15-18 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. (16) Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (KJV)

If you notice, many of man’s doctrines are based on outward manifestations rather than experiencing a real change from within. The liberty that we have in Christ is not like the game show ‘The Price Is Right’ where people think that the more stuff they get equals more blessings. It’s when you truly realize who you are in Christ, that is when you will see a real disappearing act take place where the pretenders and wannabe’s will no longer endure.

1Corinthians 13:10-13 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (13) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (KJV)

Presto change O, look at that, once you get out of the old way of thinking then you are able to see a new man appear right before your eyes. That old childish person is our carnal nature that used to get duped into thinking something or some work would ever be pleasing to our Lord. The clearer your vision becomes by allowing the eyes of your understanding to be enlightened to the truth, the more you will see through the tricks and illusions of the enemy, and those that never grow up and mature in Christ.