

# God's Simplicity

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of God's simplicity, as expressed in the Gospel, and warns against Satan's corruption of it through elaboration and addition.*

**Scripture:** Galatians 1:6

**Topics:** "Gods Nature", "False Doctrine"

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## Description

F.B. Hole emphasizes the simplicity of God's works and ways, highlighting that any attempt to alter or complicate His simplicity only corrupts it. The Gospel is presented as the essence of simplicity, bringing believers into complete subjection to Christ for redemption. Satan's craftiness is revealed through those who add to Christ under the pretense of enhancing Him, leading to corruption from simplicity. Believers are warned to discern between true Gospel doctrine and deceptive teachings, even if presented by seemingly charming individuals who may actually be servants of Satan disguised as angels of light.

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## Transcript

The works and ways of God are marked by simplicity. His simplicity is perfect. We can not improve upon it. We may attempt to alter it, but then we only corrupt it. The Gospel is the essence of simplicity. It sets Christ before us as the One who is the expression of all that God has to say to us, as also He is the One who has wrought the necessary work of redemption, and in whom we now stand before God. It brings us into complete subjection to Him. But Satan is a master of craft and subtlety. Using these men who were the opponents of Paul, he did not totally deny Christ whom Paul preached. Verse 4 is clear evidence of this. If they could have come with another gospel, announcing another Jesus, and conferring another spirit, there might have been something to say on their behalf, especially if it could have been an improvement on what they had already received.

Instead of denying Christ they came under the pretense of adding something to Christ. A fuller idea of their position may be gleaned from the epistle to the Galatians, where we find them adding the law to Christ teaching that, though we may be justified by Him, we are put under the law in order that holiness may be promoted. That Christ should be made righteousness to us they were prepared to admit, but that He should also be made sanctification seemed to them much too simple.

It is not otherwise today. The tendency to hanker after the elaborate, the abstruse, the complicated, the far-fetched is always with us. The intellectual men of the world find the Gospel far too simple, and they stumble at it. The trouble is however that believers, whose strong point is their intellect, always have a

tendency in the same direction, unless they walk in the spirit of self-judgment as regards intellectualism. If they do not maintain self-judgment, all their elaborations, their deep and abstruse thoughts, only eventuate in something that corrupts from simplicity as to the Christ. (Italics added)

It is very important that we should remember that Satan so commonly transforms himself into an angel of light, and his servants into servants of righteousness. That being so, we must expect sin and error to frequently present themselves in a pleasing and delightful guise. Again and again we find the advocates of error to be quite nice men. It is unsafe to receive the message because the man who brings it appears so good, so charming, so eloquent, so like an angel of light. The only safe test is, Does he bring the doctrine of Christ, the true Gospel? If he does, receive it by all means, even if he is a bit uncouth, a poor speaker, or of ugly appearance. "Prince Charming" is all too often a servant of Satan in plain clothes.

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