

Counterfeiters

Mount Shasta Evangelical Free Church

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness...

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

Gnosticism:

- Gnosticism began as a combination of Persian and Babylonian beliefs.
- Aspects of Greek philosophy could be applied to Gnostic teachings.
- The Gnostics adopted Christian forms.
- The Gnostic ultimate reality (their 'god') is a state of pure spirit.
- They believe the material world is corrupt and evil.
- The goal of Gnosticism is to return to the spirit state.
- According to Gnostic teachings, Jesus is not the Son of God, but a divine spirit-teacher.
- Salvation consists of possession of secret knowledge and the rejection of the physical world.

- Gnosticism adopted Christian forms of ordinances and writings.

- Colossians 2 refutes the claims of Gnosticism.

- Important passages include:

2:2-4 -

2:8 -

2:9 -

2:23 -

- Remember:

1. God created the world and said that it was good.
2. True knowledge is found in Jesus Christ.
3. True salvation comes from the bodily death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.