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If I were Satan, as Heaven's former worship leader, as one of God's former highest ranking confidants turned against Him: I would use my acquired inside knowledge about how things work in the spiritual realms to **strategically muddy the waters theologically** ⇒ Ezekiel 32:2 *only just enough* to lead Christians astray *without them realizing it*. Since God does not take His gifts back ⇒ Romans 11:29, **Satan does** use his God-given gifts to *deceive*... even us ⇒ Mathew 24:24. Using cunning tricks and even Bible verses, Satan:

...tells Christians to, "**let Jesus into your heart**" because although conceptually true as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One ⇒ Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19, it is specifically false because Jesus *finished* His work on earth ⇒ John 17:4; 19:28-30, *went back* to Heaven (this time also with a physical body) ⇒ Acts 1:9 to rule from Heaven ⇒ Matthew 26:64 and to intercede for us ⇒ Romans 8:34. **The Holy Spirit is the one who lives in our heart** ⇒ 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 3:3. Satan knows **displacing the Holy Spirit (in Jesus' name!) disempowers Christianity** ⇒ Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 2:10; John 16:13. Sung in songs, preached from pulpits, taught in evangelism... Satan hinders Christianity using many clever schemes, *perverting truth... one Scripture at a time* ⇒ Luke 4:9-11; 2 Corinthians 2:11; Proverbs 10:23.

...tells Christians "**Holy Spirit power is not for today**" because Satan **knows** this **power is precisely what God gave us to minister with** ⇒ Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:4; Romans 15:19. **Satan still uses his power** ⇒ Ephesians 2:2 **but does NOT want us using God's power!!** Therefore, Satan tells Christians that the Holy Spirit is for weirdoes, not Christians. This reduces Christianity from relationship with God to mere religion. Jesus successfully completed His work on earth, so the **only** remaining area of Christianity for Satan to attack is **our working out our salvation with fear and trembling** ⇒ Philippians 2:12; Ephesians 6:5; 2 Corinthians 7:15. Satan says having such a **strong conviction is strange, and not Godly**. Then, to reinforce this lie, Satan tells Christians "Satan (he!) is stupid" which they believe! He laughs at *their* stupidity, as it gives him an open door to muddy their Christianity *even further* ⇒ John 10:10.

...tells Christians "**Jesus came to bring peace on earth and good will to men**" from ⇒ Luke 2:14! Jesus said, "**Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.**" ⇒ Matthew 10:34. Satan perverts Scripture **out of context**: Christianity requires death to self plus being born again by God, **not bringing humanistic repair to mankind** (today's very popular **Gnosticism / Christianity mixture**). Bible study exposes Gnosticism's lies ⇒ 2 Timothy 3:15-17.

Do not be offended if your previous Christian training was not Biblical; **rejoice instead** for now learning the **Truth! Jesus** came to set us **free!** ⇒ John 8:32; 1 Corinthians 15:31.

Merry Christmess! Jesus **Christ** came to **mess** up Satan's plans: "For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might undo the works of the Devil." ⇒ 1 John 3:8. No one has any better reason to be **merry** than Christians ⇒ Luke 15:23-32. Rejecters of God *try* to be merry but *truly cannot* ⇒ Isaiah 22:13; 1 Corinthians 15:32; but **we can!** ♥