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Our Weakness, His Strength

Corinthians/Culture
2 Corinthians 11 & 12
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GIVING



Recognize a _____ Gospel!

"I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully." -2 Corinthians 11:3-4

Reject the _____ Satan _____.

"Such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. . . as an angel of light. . . as servants of righteousness. . ." -2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Yield to God's _____ and _____.

"He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. . . when I am weak, then I am strong." -2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Belief about Salvation, Heaven, & Hell

Judaism

Pray, Repent and Obey the Law. There is a resurrection to judgement.

Hinduism

One is released from the cycle of Reincarnations through Yoga and meditation. Good karma improves your chances thru reincarnation while bad karma sets you back. There is no Heaven or Hell for the goal is absorption into Universal Brahmin.

Buddhism

Reach Nirvana by eliminating desires and cravings by following the *Eight-Fold Path*:
*Right knowledge, Right intentions, Right speech, Right conduct,
Right livelihood, Right effort, Right mindfulness, Right meditation*

There is no heaven or hell.

Islam

Good works by following the *5 Pillars of Islam*:

Faith Declaration - No God but Allah & Muhammed is his prophet.

Prayer - 5 times a day

Alms - Give at Mosque and to needy.

Fasting during Ramadan - Sun up to sun down.

Hajj - Pilgrimage to Mecca once in lifetime.

There is a resurrection/judgement. The hope is your good works outweigh your bad works and you go to heaven.

Christianity

Jesus lived a godly, sinless life and died on the cross for our sins. He rose on the third day to conquer death and hell. Who trust in Jesus are saved and will spend eternity in heaven while those who do not will spend eternity in hell.

Paul goes on to reflect on this truth and live it out. What Paul discovered:

1) Weaknesses happen to everyone.

2) Some of these weaknesses are permitted by God.

3) Weaknesses keep us humble.

4) Through our weaknesses we discover God's provision.

5) Receiving God's grace was more important than removing our weaknesses.