

Switching the Labels

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About 750 years before Christ, Isaiah the prophet wrote these words: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20). The devil has always been good at switching the labels so that some men become convinced that wrong is right and right is wrong. The devil has succeeded in rationalizing to the extent that any sin can be justified -- in the eyes of men. He has been able to dignify and glamorize various sinners so that they appear to be more honest, more just, and more compassionate than religious people. He has distorted the picture so much that any righteousness can be made to appear as self-righteousness. He has so deceived our children that they reach the point that they become proud of what they ought to be ashamed of and ashamed of what they ought to be proud of. Do not forget that "devil" means "slanderer" and "satan" means "adversary." He is referred to in the Scriptures as "deceiver," "liar," "murderer," "crafty," "beguiler" (Rev. 12:9; Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2: 14); yet, he often comes across as "an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11: 14).

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