



## Blurred Vision



There are so many blurred doctrines with which we have to deal. If you are aware of this problem and of some of these doctrines, you will be far better equipped to understand the things of God. The following are ones you have to listen to every day. There is a God in Heaven – He’s the Father of Jesus Christ. There is a god of this world – he’s called the devil and satan. They are blurred together, yet these two different entities are not the same at all. But many people think that the God of Heaven is responsible for your grandpa’s death. Many people think this same God is equally as evil as He is good. *Many people think that death*



*is nothing more than a split-second stop over before continuing life in another realm.* Many

Christians think of themselves as servants of God, not Sons of God. Have you ever noticed these blurred doctrines? So many teachings in so many churches blur the lines, combining God and the devil, and their doctrines, almost unconsciously, thus blurring people’s spiritual vision. The devil promotes blurred doctrines, but it’s time to start seeing clearly.

The volume of these blurrings may come as a surprise to you. Here are a few to ponder.

**Virtual reality:** Blurred: Virtual reality is a combination of things that seem real, taking the place of real things, and even acting real, but they are fake. Clear and Focused: Reality is a combination of real, living things, especially including the things of God.

**Life after death:** Blurred: This doctrine teaches that dead people aren’t really dead, but that they are still alive somewhere other than on earth. In other words, there’s no such thing as a continuing state of death. Clear and Focused: When you die, you remain in the state of death until you are raised

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from the dead at a later time.

**Good ghosts:** Blurred: Casper, the friendly ghost comes to mind, a jolly, and childhood cartoon character. Clear and Focused: All ghosts are bad, very bad.

**Gods:** Blurred: They are all really the same, no matter which one you worship. Take your pick. Clear and Focused: There is only one true God - the God of heaven.

**The trinity:** Blurred: Jesus, Holy Ghost and God are all combined together, yet separate. Clear and Focused: God is the Father of Jesus Christ His Son, and the gift of holy spirit is given from on high to people who become born again. Jesus Christ is God's Son. God is Christ's Father and the Father of all Christendom.

**Marriage:** Blurred: It is supposed to be between a man and a woman, but with some people, that is far

from the case. Men are marrying men and women are marrying women. The combinations are disgustingly amazing. *Clear and Focused: God intended marriage to be solely between a man and a woman.*

**Business:** Blurred: Some people are honest and some are dishonest, combining the two to get the "best deal." These kinds of business dealings destroy business relationships and are not of a godly design. Clear and Focused: God expects business deals to be a blessing to all involved parties.

Here's one for fun. It is "blurring" in practice.

**Homework assignments:** Blurred: Your child tells you that she has no homework, that she did it last week, but brings home a homework sheet to complete anyway. Clear and Focused: She actually did

have homework, told you a lie and expected you to combine all that she said and walk away blurred.

And the list goes on . . .

What kinds of doctrines and issues can you practice the "Blurring:" and "Clear and Focused:" exercise on? Why don't you give it some thought and send me the ones you come up with? I'll put a list together from everyone who contributes and make it available once complete.

Combinations like these cited leads only to confusion. If they were kept separate, the confusion would be far less, but the devil doesn't want confusion to leave. He loves combining things in order to distort and eventually change the truth. Let's look at some real biblical examples of things that have been combined, but should not have been. As we do, we can become Clear and Focused by understanding what

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God's Word says about them and by not combining them.

**The true God is the God of heaven. The false god is the god of this world.**

**The god of this world:**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

This god is actually a god too, but he's a lesser god, one who has certain authority in the worldly realm. His job is to blind people, especially unbelievers, shielding them from the gospel of Christ. ***This god is a bad, bad god. He's real, he's bad, and he causes nothing but trouble for everyone.***

**The God of Heaven:**

Daniel 2:17-19 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

You remember the accounts of Daniel don't you? He was a pretty cool dude and he stood for God. He prayed to God, the God of heaven, and this great God answered Daniel's prayers. Daniel didn't pray to anyone else - EVER! ***This God is good, very good. He's real, He's good, and wants nothing but***

***good for mankind.***

**The true God is the author of life. The devil is the author of death:**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

True life comes only from God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The devil cannot give life. Only God can. If God is the one who gives eternal life, how can you say that He's the one who kills you too? That just doesn't make any sense at all, ***but since these doctrinal lines are already so blurred, most people don't even get to the place of this kind of logic.***

The devil's been trying for nigh on 6,000 years to convince

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people that they don't really die.

Genesis 3:3-4 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

The serpent, satan, was working on Eve to accept him by denouncing the true God. His great calling card was that she would never die. The devil has always had double vision and this is a perfect example of it. God told Adam and Eve that they would surely die if they ate from the tree in the midst of the garden.

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

That's the clear and focused part. The devil told Adam and Eve

that they would not die. He's propounding the same lie today, but in a different way. He has people teaching that they don't die, they just pass away, to another place. For some reason, people get comforted in this. I don't. The only words that comfort me are words from the bible! The bible says that I will be raised from my grave when Jesus Christ returns for me. Never does it say that I immediately go to heaven when I die, never!

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

If you believe the bible, you can easily accept that the devil is the one who kills people and causes

death. He's a murderer. The next time you hear someone say that God (the true one) just took his little sister to be with him, you know that this cannot possibly be.

**The true God uses His goodness to bring people unto Him. The devil promotes his cause with fear:**

Romans 2:3-4 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

The goodness of God leads a man to change his life and become born again. That's what "repentance" refers to. *If God is being advertised, but His goodness is nowhere*

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*to be found, you know that the advertising committee, made up of men and/or devils, is at work making a mess of things.*

Only God's goodness is at play when a man truly repents. On the other hand, the devil uses fear for many purposes, including getting people to serve him. The devil is evil through and through, and he promotes fear.

**God promotes safety with no fear.**

Proverbs 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

**When you are God's child, His goodness towards you will abound!**

Romans 8:14-15 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For

ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father [Daddy, daddy].

The "Abba" cry is a tender, trusting, child-like cry, much like when a child calls "daddy, daddy." When God gives us His spirit, there is no fear attached. ***Fear and bondage are a united cause, freely provided by the devil. The next time you have life-restricting fear in your life, recognize that it is not from the true God.***

Reject it by seeking God's goodness.

**The New Birth produces sons of God. The Old Testament produced Servants of God.**

Christians are sons of God and should have that mindset. All too often, well-meaning Christians promote a Christian-servant lifestyle,

attaching the name of God to it.

The term, "servant," applies to the relationship a person under the Law Administration had with God. This time period was when people lived according to Mosaic Laws. But, today, the devil is still trying to keep people from living a godly, son-style lifestyle. He's always working to put and keep people in bondage. A "son" applies to the relationship a person has with God under the Grace Administration, when people are born again in Christ. The Grace administration is now.

**A born again Christian is a Son of God!**

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father [meaning, "daddy, daddy."].

God is making a really strong point

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that we are sons and that he put something inside us to prove it. The spirit of his Son in us is Christ in us.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

*Christians are supposed to maintain a “Son” mindset, one centered on the hope of glory.*

These were only a few examples of how the lines of doctrines are blurred, how opposites have been combined and have worked their way into our churches and lives. Only the Word of God can straighten things out and remove the confusion these combinations have brought. *It’s not your job to straighten out every false doctrine in the world. That would*

*be impossible. You are not God’s agent, in charge of undoing all of the devil’s damage.*

It is your job to know God’s Word so that you don’t get blurred vision of the things related to God’s Word. The more interested you are in maintaining the truth of God’s Word in your heart and mind, the more seriously you’ll take this subject. As you take the time to learn God’s Word, you will easily pick out blurred lines. God’s Word will enable you to remain Clear and Focused on any doctrinal issue.

## **Blurred:**

- Virtual Reality.
- Dead people are still alive somewhere else.
- Some ghosts are good.
- The devil is good.
- God the Father is Jesus the child.
- Gay marriages are from God.

- One-sided business deals.
- She doesn’t have homework even with an assignment paper in her hands.

## **Clear and Focused:**

- Reality
- Dead people are still dead.
- All devils are bad.
- The devil is bad.
- God is Jesus Christ’s Father. The two are not the same.
- Jesus Christ is God’s Son. The two are not the same.
- Only husband and wife marriages are of God.
- Business deals must be good for all involved parties.
- She does have homework and better get busy doing it.

Much love in Christ,

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