

## Introduction

- A regular guy can become a bad guy. A bad guy can become a good guy.
- **Main Point: There is Danger in Devotion.**
- **Good Question:** How do I Avoid the danger of devotion?

## Point #1 – People depart from faith through devotion... (to falsehood)

- There is DECEPTION in the community of faith.
- Our Heart's DEVOTION is revealed over time; people tend to find what they are looking for.

## Point #2 – False devotion does not square with the Word of God.

- Satan's original point of attack was on devotion to God.
  - He worked on desires.
  - He questions God's Word.
- Evil: to allow what God forbids, to **forbid what God allows.**
- Devotion and desires can be twisted, bent, manipulated, misplaced.
- **The purpose of the sermon** is to contrast false devotion with true devotion: There is danger in false devotion, there is safety in true devotion

## Point #3 – True devotion follows TRUTH from GOD.

- "The rejection of the knowledge of Good and evil is the starting place of Christian ethics." Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
- We are people in the process of transformation by the Spirit of God, working through the Word of God, purchased by the Son of God, so that He may present us before our Father GOD in glory.
- God sends out his word and it will work! Isa. 46.9-11, 55:11
- We should be a people devoted to TRUTH from GOD.
  - We learn TRUTH by the SPIRIT of GOD working through SCRIPTURE ALONE.
    - We are saved by GRACE ALONE, through FAITH ALONE, in CHRIST ALONE, for the GLORY OF GOD ALONE

## Gospel

- Jesus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam. Who passed the "devotion test. He was tempted by the Devil (Mat. 4) and won.
- Jesus was faithfully devoted to the will of the Father to rescue us. He commands us to follow Him in true devotion.

## Conclusion

- A Bad guy recovers by following the Word of God.
- There is hope for us.