**Scripture** | Ephesians 4:13-16 | Deceit

This scripture is so needed in today’s time in the church, so many religions popping up that are claiming some outlandish things that are so against the Bible, but people following. In this scripture, Paul is writing about not being deceived, relaying on the Holy spirit to give you wisdom on discerning the false preaching and false prophets. Paul is saying that we should not be like children, easily swayed and tricked, but be firm in our faith not wavering at the smallest argument but standing firm in what we believe and what God taught us. There is always going to be argument on theological discussion between different churches, but the base of our church should be Christ and his death. Paul is saying that we should not be fighting other churches or people but spreading Love, how Love should be the defining and consistent trait in any Christian church.

**Observation(s)**

* Paul is Strongly warning about conceit and the false teachers that are coming to trick
* Paul is signifying the importance of having a strong center of faith to stand up to such trickery and not sway like the wind and waves
* Paul is establishing the importance of Love and how powerful it is in ministry and our normal lives
* Paul is basically saying all that matters is knowing Christ and that he died

**Application**

* Be STRONG, this is a parallel to the armor of God and not wavering with adversity.
* Be on the lookout for false teachers and false prophets
* LOVE, love is so strong and should be evident in every Christian live

**Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray that my faith would be stronger than the conceit around me, I pray that when false teaching and false teachers try to persuade me that I would stay strong and true to the word. I pray that I would show love in everything I do, that I would be a reflection of the true love you showed us. I pray that every day I would put on the full armor of God and would be able to stand against false proclamations and false teachings.

In Your Holy Amazing Name,

Amen.

Thanks!  
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