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“The coming of the lawless one ... displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders, in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.”
2 Thessalonians 2:9,10

I. The Danger of Deception (Matt. 24:4, 5, 10-12, 23 – 25)

- A. Jesus’ Olivet command #1 – “Watch out that no one deceives you” (vs. 4,5)
“deceive” = *planao* = to seduce away unto error – by choice not force
- B. Beware of false christs and false prophets (vs. 24)
- C. Performing great signs and miracles to deceive (vs. 24)
- D. Many will turn away from the faith (vs. 10 – 12)
“The increase of wickedness the love of most will grow cold” (vs. 12)

II. The Decision to Stand Firm in the Truth (Matt. 24:13, 14; 2 Thess. 2: 13 – 15)

- A. Jesus’ Olivet command #2 – “BUT – he who stands firm to the end will be saved”
“Stands firm” = *hypomeno* = to remain under the weight – patiently endure through trials
- B. What are we to stand on? The Truth of the “gospel” (vs. 14)
“Gospel” = *eunagelion* = the good news of Jesus’ coming, death, and resurrection
- C. Paul’s truth – God chose you through the Spirit and belief in the truth (2 Thess. 2:13)
- D. Paul’s command - Through “our gospel” – “so then brothers, stand firm ... to our teachings” (vs. 14)
- E. Ultimately Jesus is the Truth to stand upon! (John 14:6)

III. The Deception of the Antitrinity (2 Thess. 2:9 – 12; Rev. 13:11 - 15)

- A. The “antitrinity” =
 - 1) “the lawless one”, (antichrist)(vs. 9a)
 - 2) “in accordance with the work of Satan” (vs. 9a),
 - 3) “The beast out of the earth” (false prophet) (Rev. 13:11)
- B. “displays all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders, and in every sort of evil”
(2 Thess. 2:9b,10)
- C. They deceive “those who are perishing” – Why are they perishing?
 - 1) “They perish because they refuse to love the truth and to be saved” (vs. 10b)
 - 2) God allows the delusion so that they “believe THE LIE” (Rom. 1:24,25)
 - 3) “All are condemned who have not believed the truth - delighted in wickedness” (vs. 12)
- D. The deceptions of the False Prophet and the talking image (Rev. 13:12 – 15)