COMMON DECEPTIONS

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:12-15

Introduction:
1. Satan can make himself appear as an angel of light.
2. His desire is to deceive man. His goal is not a 180, but just on degree off course.

Proposition: We must be aware of the deceptions Satan uses to lead others away from God.

Interrogative: What do these deceptions include?

Transition: Some deceptions we should be aware of include...

I. **THE BIBLE IS TOO HARD TO UNDERSTAND**
   
   A. **THE CRITICS SAY...**
   1. It is pointless to try so take the minister’s word for it.
   2. The result: people do not study like they should – Ac 17:11, 2Ti 2:15

   B. **THE BIBLE TEACHES**
   1. Timothy knew the Scriptures from his childhood - 2Ti 3:14-17
   2. God is not the author of confusion – 1Co 14:33
   3. We abide in His word to know the truth – Jn 8:31-32
   4. We understand when we read – Ep 3:4, 5:17

II. **BAPTISM IS NOT NECESSARY FOR SALVATION**
   
   A. **THIEF ON THE CROSS** – Lk 23:39-43
   1. Jesus had the power to forgive sins – Mk 2:10
   2. The thief died under the old law
   3. Jesus gave new instructions after His resurrection – Mt 28:18-20, Mk 16:16, Lk 24:46-47

   B. **CONVERSIONS IN ACTS**
   1. All were baptized immediately – Ac 2:41, 8:12, 9:18, and 10:48.
   2. Paul washed away his sins – Ac 22:16

   C. **BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**
   1. Into His death – Ro 6:3-4
   2. Put on Christ – Ga 3:26-27 (There is no salvation apart from Christ)

III. **NO NEED TO PREPARE FOR ETERNITY**
   
   A. **MANY THINK THEY HAVE PLENTY OF TIME** – Lk 12:16-21
   1. He was go to build bigger barns
   2. His soul was no required of him

   B. **OUR LIFE IS A VAPOR** – Ja 4:14, 1Sa 20:3
   1. Today is the day of salvation - 2Co 6:2
   2. E.g. – Untimely death in KY. (Ledford’s)

Conclusion:
1. Satan desires to deceive man.
2. However, the Bible can be understood. It teaches us the importance of baptism and preparing for eternity.