

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.