

# The Deception of Wickedness

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We know that deception is nothing more than a fancy word for a lie. And we know that a lie is anything but the truth. This phrase is found in 2 Thessalonians 2:10: *"...and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved."*

Satan and the world have promoted wickedness from the beginning. The reason is because Satan does not want you to go to heaven. That is his goal, and that is what he is constantly and continuously working at 24/7/365. His domain has promoted wickedness as ***the all there is*** mentality. ***Live life to the fullest, eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die*** are just two of the many phrases offered to entice people to succumb to wickedness. Most people have no problem in doing this because they want all the wickedness that they can get a hold of.

Some still hang onto wickedness while pretending to be followers of God. Well, Romans 6:16 tells us that we are the servants of the one we serve, either of sin resulting in death or obedience resulting in righteousness. It does no good to claim to love Jesus while playing in the devil's playground. That is his domain, and if you were to die, he would claim your soul on his property.

Some know that wickedness is wrong to do and sort of want to be right with God, yet they cannot let go or what the world has to offer. Surely these must be the most miserable people on the planet. They want it both ways, but God said "MY WAY."

We are force fed lies all the time. Satan deceives us. In fact, Satan is the father of lies or deception. Satan tries to convince us that righteousness is nothing more than mythical foolishness and such people who strive for it are wasting time and effort.

The world is helping Satan promote this wickedness. Everywhere we look and whenever we listen, we are usually listening to lies. The commercials promise a life of luxury if we use their product. Many commercials suggest that you can have sex with beautiful people by using their product. How often have you seen a fat, ugly person with bad teeth promote any product? Not likely that you ever have.

Even the news media for the most part is striving to promote Satan's agenda. They look for opportunities to downgrade Christians and the truth — even to the point of printing lies. And most people are gullible enough to take what they are fed and not even question the validity of such articles. Many news stories lately have been proven to be false information. And all this deception is used to promote wickedness and to make a mockery of righteousness.

This is all made possible because people do not love the truth and seek after truth. Truth is the only thing that God tells us that can save our souls. Our obedience to the truth is so vital. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 1:22, NASB: *"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart."*

2 Thessalonians 2:11 tells us that God will allow people to believe the lies all they want because that is all they want. But in the end, this deception will bring forth spiritual death and an eternity of punishment.

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