

## Delusion vs. Inclusion

### Scripture

“The coming of the [lawless one] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Th 2:9-14 NKJV)

### Devotion

Those who will perish will not receive the truth about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. In the last days, there will be a strong delusion and the unbelieving will believe the lie and take pleasure in unrighteousness.

I don't know if the lawless one is here or not, I lean to not, but the stage is definitely set for a great deceiver to come. This world takes great pleasure in unrighteousness. Television continues to explore the depravity of man with ever increasing clarity. Wickedness is placed on parade by revealing in great detail the violent crimes of sex offenders and psychopathic murderers. Some stations devote an entire evening to the exaltation of crude and lewd behavior as if it were something to laugh at. This desensitization to sin clearly breaks down one's ability to discern right and wrong. When the lawless one does come, he will likely be welcomed as one who can bring even greater sinful delights to the masses. Like a drug dealer, he will feed their habit.

Beloved, if you are not among those who will perish, give thanks to God. Praise Him because, “God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

My dear friends think of the grace that has been given you. Without the love of the Father, you too would be wandering in darkness waiting unwittingly for an eternity of hell. Those who are perishing walk blindfolded along a high precipice. With each step they risk falling into the unquenchable-fire.

However, you have been made to see. As it was written, “. . . You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32 NKJV) “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” (John 3:21 NKJV) “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” (John 3:20 NKJV) “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” (1Jo 1:6 NKJV)

“I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.” (1Jo 2:21 NKJV) “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.” (1John 3:18-19 NKJV)

Dear friends it is not wrong for me to ask you to do a self examination. The cost is too high to ignore. Make sure you have been included and not deluded.

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1Jo 5:21 NKJV)