Northwest Bible Church – Jan. 28, 2024 – 2 Thess. – Alan Conner

**2 Thess. 2:7-12**

A Deluding Influence

Intro

**A. THE DECEPTION OF THE LAWLESS ONE (2 Thess. 2:9-10).**

1. Satanic activity with signs and wonders (2 Thess. 2:9).

2. Deception of wickedness, or “wicked deception” ESV (2 Thess. 2:10).

**B. THE DECEIVED BY THE LAWLESS ONE (2 Thess. 2:10).**

1. Those who perish.

2. They did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

3. Easily deceived by the miracles thinking they are from God rather than Satan.

**C. THE DELUDING INFLUENCE FROM GOD (2 Thess. 2:11-12).**

1. God deludes those already deceived (2 Thess. 2:11).

2. Theological problem.

3. Result: they will believe what is false (2 Thess. 2:11).

4. Purpose: they may be judged for their unbelief and delight in evil (2 Thess. 2:12

Conclusion

*Discussion questions*: *How would you describe the coming man of lawlessness? Since the mystery of lawlessness is already at work (2 Thess. 2:7), in what ways do you see the “deception” going on today (2 Thess. 2:10)? How does Paul describe those who become followers of the antichrist?*