

Satan doesn't try to convince people to deny God, Jesus, Heaven, or Hell. He simply attempts to redefine those things through his ministers who respect paganism, mysticism, and philosophy above the Word of God.

**2 Thess. 2:3** Satan doesn't oppose worship. He just wants to re-direct the believer's worship toward something else besides God. He doesn't want to eliminate Christianity; he wants it neutralized.

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**2 Thess. 2:4** The son of perdition will sit **“as God”** so that people will be convinced that he **“is God.”** This is called **“the mystery of iniquity.”** It is a mystery how something so wrong could be embraced as being so right!

Churches that have adopted the Charismatic movement share a common theme: *“You are superior to God.”* When you ignore God's written Word and choose something else as your final authority (feelings, emotions, voices, visions, etc), you have set yourself up as your own God.

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**2 Cor. 11:1-4** Satan is subtle. He knows how to make you put aside God's Word as your final authority and select your own ideas instead. In doing so, you have set yourself up as God. Gen. 3:5 *“ye shall be as gods.”*

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**2 Cor 11:13-15**

False apostles don't deny the gospel or Jesus Christ, they just redefine those terms and claim to be apostles of Christ.

Just as **“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light,”** Christians today believe that something bad could be good if it's done in Jesus' name. That's the mystery of iniquity.

Satan's ministers are disguised as the good guys, but they will try to move you away from faith in the Word of God—to faith in an experience. God warns us against being deceived by somebody who looks and talks like a Christian, but says things that don't match the Bible.

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**2 Thess 2:8-10**

God has told you that in the last days the Devil is going to deceive people with signs, wonders, and miracles.

Your protection is the love of the truth. If you love God's Word, the false prophets and wonder-workers can't deceive you.

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