



## **“Deceivers”**

*Believers & Deceivers,  
& Antichrists, Oh my!  
II John 1:7-13*

*Believers are warned to:*

### **I. Recognize** - “This is a deceiver” (vs. 7-9)

*We rarely detect their :*

- A. Identity** - “who confess not...Jesus Christ... in the flesh”
- B. Injury** - “that we lose not those things ...we have wrought”
- C. Infidelity** – “abideth not...hath not God”

### **II. Respond** - “If there come any unto you” (vs. 10-11)

*We readily:*

- A. Examine** - “bring not this doctrine”
- B. Exclude** - “receive him not into your house”
- C. Expel** – “neither bid him God speed”

### **III. Resist** - “that our joy may be full” (vs. 12-13)

*We routinely:*

- A. Contextualize** – “Having many things to write to you”
- B. Congregate** – “I trust to come unto you, ...face to face”
- C. Correspond** – “The children of thy elect sister greet thee”  
*Implies writing...read to know, teach to master, write to perfect!*

## Sentence Sermon:

**“The doctrine of Christ is an integral part of the Gospel.”**

## Additional Verses

- **I John 4:2**
- **Jude 1:4, 11-15**
- **II Peter 2:1-21**
- **Colossians 2:9**
- **Acts 20:29-30**
- **Matthew 7:15**
- **II Corinthians 11:13-15**
- **II Timothy 3:13**
- **Deuteronomy 13:1-5**
- **Galatians 6:1-9**

## Use of the word “deceivers”

- **False teachers** - **I Timothy 4:1-5; I John 2:26; 3:7;**
- **Jesus** – **Matthew 27:63, John 7:12**
- **Paul** – **II Corinthians 6:8**
- **Ourselves** – **I John 1:8; Galatians 6:7**

## Importance of the Doctrine of Christ

- **John 1:18; 5:23; 10:27-30; 15:2; I John 2:23**

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What is the difference between a deceiver and an antichrist?
4. Why would we lose “those things we have wrought?”
5. Is it possible to be a believer and teach against the doctrine of Christ? Why or why not?
6. Why is it ok to be inhospitable to a deceiver?
7. How are we able to say we are right and the deceiver is wrong?
8. Why doesn't John write the “many things” in this letter?
9. How serious is the problem of deceivers and antichrists today?
10. What can we do to abide in the doctrine of Christ?
11. What does the doctrine of Christ produce in the believer's life?