The Significance of the Gospel

I Corinthians 15:1-11

1 John 2:26-27

I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

For the <u>mystery of lawlessness is</u> already at work...

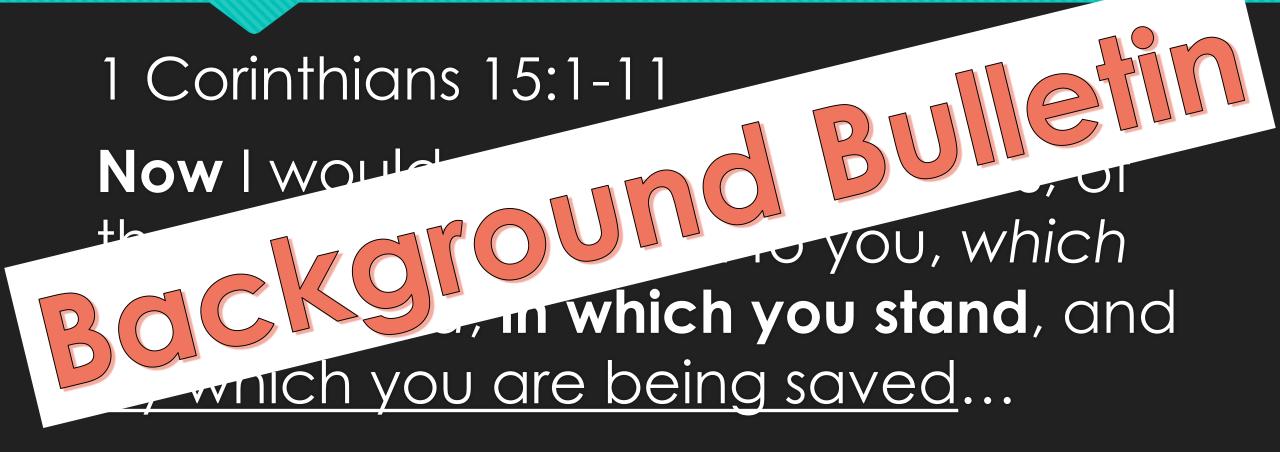
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...Therefore <u>God</u> sends them a strong delusion, SO THAT they may <u>believe</u> what is false.

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...in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The Preaching of the Gospel



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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

... **if** you <u>hold fast</u> to the **word** I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received;

The Substance of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

that **Christ** <u>died for our sins</u> in accordance with the Scriptures, that **he** was <u>buried</u>, that **He** was <u>raised on the</u> third day in accordance with the Scriptures

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

And that **He** <u>appeared</u> to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then **He** appeared...

Why the Gospel???

- Truth Matters
- It **IS** the <u>power of God</u> (Rom. 1:16-17)
- It IS life-giving (Eph. 2:1-10)
- Because of <u>deception</u>

Why the Gospel???

"In the essentials, unity; in the nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

The Gospel is the ultimate essential.