**II Thessalonians 2:10-12**

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be d-a-m-n-e-d who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

deceivableness of unrighteousness – had pleasure in unrighteousness - some believers are deceived into thinking God doesn’t really care if we live unrighteously (OSAS is a good example of this)

* Rom 6:1-2,12 “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? … Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”
* Heb 11:24-26 “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”

Received not the love of the truth

* John 8:31-32 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
* Luke 8:15 “But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

God shall send them strong delusion

* Matt 15:14 “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”
* II Pet 2:1 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”
* I doubt this verse is saying God sends a false delusion directly, but instead He allows false teachers to have sway. God is not going to guarantee that one who is not a true seeker is going to find the truth.

that they should believe a lie – who believed not the truth - it is not okay to believe false doctrine (a lie)

* Matt 15:9 “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”
* II John 9 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”
* Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

What is the result of this? - Perish, not saved, condemned

* John 3:3,5 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. … Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”
* Gal 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

The opposite of II Thess 2:10-12 is that God does guarantee true seekers will find the truth:

* Matt 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you
* Matt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
* I Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
* John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.
* Cornelius in Acts 10 was a true seeker and instead of getting a strong delusion, God sent someone to teach him the truth. Same with Apollos in Acts 18, Lydia in Acts 16, the Eunuch in Acts 8, and Saul in Acts 9.