

Doctrine of Deceit

Introduction: The verb *deceive* according to Webster means “to cause to mislead, to cause others to believe what is not true” or “to lead another or self into error.”

Etymology:

1. In the New Testament we find **Apate** as the common Greek noun translated “deceit” or “deception”; its verb form is **Apatao**, meaning “to beguile” or “to deceive.”

1.1 It is used of those who “deceive with empty words,” describing the true character of certain sins. Eph 5:6

Eph 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

Eph 5:2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Eph 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Eph 5:4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Eph 5:5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Eph 5:6 **Let no one "deceive" you with empty words**, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

1.2. It is used of the fact that Adam was “not beguiled,” 1Ti 2:14, as compared to Eve, who was.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not the one “**deceived**,” it was the woman who was “deceived” (**Exapatao**) and became a sinner.

1.3 It is used of the “**self-deceit**” of one who thinks himself religious, but bridles not his tongue. Jam 1:26

Jam 1:26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he “**deceives himself**” and his religion is worthless.

1.4 **Apate**, the noun form of **Apatao**, is used of riches in Mat 13:22; it is said of sin in Heb 3:13.

Mat 13:22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and **the deceitfulness of wealth** choke it, making it unfruitful.

Heb 3:11 So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest."
Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
Heb 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by "**sin's deceitfulness.**"

1.5 In 2Th 2:10, it is used for "all deceit of unrighteousness," signifying all manner of unscrupulous words and deeds designed to "deceive."

2Th 2:7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and in every sort of evil that "**deceives**" those who are perishing because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

1.6 In Col 2:8, "vain deceit" suggests that "deceit" is void of anything profitable.

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and "**deceptive philosophy,**" which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

Examples of Deceit

1. By Satan in the garden - Gen 3:3-5

Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

2. Jacob's sons, when they deceived the Shechemites - Gen 34:13-25

Gen 34:13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

Gen 34:14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

Gen 34:15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised ...

Gen 34:25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

3. Jacob's sons, when they deceived him regarding Joseph's "death" -
Gen 37:31-35

Gen 37:31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

Gen 37:32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

Gen 37:33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

Gen 37:34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

4. The Gibeonites misrepresenting where they lived - Jos 9:3-15

Jos 9:3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

Jos 9:4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

Jos 9:5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.

Jos 9:6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us ...

Jos 9:8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

Jos 9:9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt ...

Jos 9:15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

5. Delilah deceiving Samson - Jdg 16:4-18

Jdg 16:4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

Jdg 16:5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

Jdg 16:6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee ...

Jdg 16:13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web ...

Jdg 16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

Jdg 16:17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

Jdg 16:18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

6. David feigning madness - 1Sa 21:10-15

1Sa 21:10 And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

1Sa 21:11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

1Sa 21:12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

1Sa 21:13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

1Sa 21:14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

1Sa 21:15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

7. Amnon deceiving Tamar - 2Sa 13:6-14

2Sa 13:6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

2Sa 13:7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

2Sa 13:8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

2Sa 13:9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

2Sa 13:10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

2Sa 13:11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

2Sa 13:12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

2Sa 13:13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

2Sa 13:14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

8. Hushai deceiving Absalom - 2Sa 16:15-19

2Sa 16:15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

2Sa 16:16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king.

2Sa 16:17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

2Sa 16:18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

2Sa 16:19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

9. Absalom avenging his sister - 2Sa 13:24-28

2Sa 13:24 Absalom went to the king and said, "Your servant has had shearers come. Will the king and his officials please join me?"

2Sa 13:25 "No, my son," the king replied. "All of us should not go; we would only be a burden to you." Although Absalom urged him, he still refused to go, but gave him his blessing.

2Sa 13:26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon come with us." The king asked him, "Why should he go with you?"

2Sa 13:27 But Absalom urged him, so he sent with him Amnon and the rest of the king's sons.

2Sa 13:28 Absalom ordered his men, "Listen! When Amnon is in high spirits from drinking wine and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon down,' then kill him. Don't be afraid. Have not I given you this order? Be strong and brave."

10. Absalom seeking David's kingdom - 2Sa 15:7-12

2Sa 15:7 At the end of four years, Absalom said to the king, "Let me go to Hebron and fulfill a vow I made to the LORD.

2Sa 15:8 While your servant was living at Geshur in Aram, I made this vow: 'If the LORD takes me back to Jerusalem, I will worship the LORD in Hebron.'"

2Sa 15:9 The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he went to Hebron.

2Sa 15:10 Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'"

2Sa 15:11 Two hundred men from Jerusalem had accompanied Absalom. They had been invited as guests and went quite innocently, knowing nothing about the matter.

2Sa 15:12 While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, to come from Giloh, his hometown. And so the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom's following kept on increasing.

11. Herod the Great lying to the Wise Men - Mat 2:8

Mat 2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

12. Ananias and Sapphira lying about certain proceeds - Acts 5:1-5

Acts 5:1 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property.

Acts 5:2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 5:3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

Acts 5:4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

Acts 5:5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

The Concept of Deceit

1. The negative believer manifests deceit in rejecting the Word of God.

Psa 119:117-119

Psa 119:117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees.

Psa 119:118 You reject all who stray from your decrees, for their deceitfulness is in vain.

Psa 119:119 All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross; therefore I love your statutes.

2. The tongue is an instrument of deceit. Rom 3:10-14

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom 3:13 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

Rom 3:14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

3. Deceit comes from the heart; we do not have to develop it. Mat 7:18-23

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

4. The heart is deceitful. Jer 17:9

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

5. God abhors deceit. Psa 5:6

Psa 5:6 You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

6. Deceit is forbidden as a sin. Pro 24:28 and 1Pe 3:9-11

Pro 24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbor without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

1Pe 3:9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1Pe 3:10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

1Pe 3:11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

7. Christ was free from deceit and deception. 1Pe 2:22

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

8. A mature believer should be free from deceit. Psa 24:4-5; Zep 3:11-13 and Rev 14:3-5

Psa 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Psa 24:5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Zep 3:11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

Zep 3:12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

Zep 3:13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

9. Job knew deceit was a sin that God would judge. Job 31:5-13

Job 31:5 "If I have walked in falsehood or my foot has hurried after deceit--

Job 31:6 let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless--

Job 31:7 if my steps have turned from the path, if my heart has been led by my eyes, or if my hands have been defiled,

Job 31:8 then may others eat what I have sown, and may my crops be uprooted.

Job 31:9 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor's door,

Job 31:10 then may my wife grind another man's grain, and may other men sleep with her.

Job 31:11 For that would have been shameful, a sin to be judged.

Job 31:12 It is a fire that burns to Destruction; it would have uprooted my harvest.

Job 31:13 "If I have denied justice to my menservants and maidservants when they had a grievance against me,

10. A good king will avoid those who deceive. Psa 101:6-7

Psa 101:6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me.

Psa 101:7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.

11. We are to pray we will be delivered from deceit. Psa 43:1 and 120:2-4

Psa 43:1 Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

Psa 120:2 Save me, O LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues.

Psa 120:3 What will he do to you, and what more besides, O deceitful tongue?

Psa 120:4 He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows, with burning coals of the broom tree.

12. We must be aware of those who deceive. Eph 5:6 and Col 2:8-9

Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

13. We can avoid deceit by the intake of the Word of God. 1Pe 1:24-2:1

1Pe 1:24 For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1Pe 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

14. Ministers must avoid deceit. 1Th 2:2-5

1Th 2:2 We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition.

1Th 2:3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.

1Th 2:4 On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.

1Th 2:5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed-- God is our witness.

15. The wicked are full of deceit. Rom 1:29

Rom 1:29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

16. Enemies of establishment often use deceit as a tool. Psa 35:19-20

Psa 35:19 Let not those gloat over me who are my enemies without cause; let not those who hate me without reason maliciously wink the eye.

Psa 35:20 They do not speak peaceably, but devise false accusations against those who live quietly in the land.

17. The wicked often use deceit in business to acquire wealth. Pro 11:18

Pro 11:18 The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

18. In the age of the church and as we approach the rapture, deceit will become more pervasive and perfidious. 2Ti 3:12-15

2Ti 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2Ti 3:13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

2Ti 3:15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

19. Judah, during the time of Jeremiah, was eaten up with deceit. Jer 9:3-6

Jer 9:3 "They make ready their tongue like a bow, to shoot lies; it is not by truth that they triumph in the land. They go from one sin to another; they do not acknowledge me," declares the LORD.

Jer 9:4 "Beware of your friends; do not trust your brothers. For every brother is a deceiver, and every friend a slanderer.

Jer 9:5 Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning.

Jer 9:6 You live in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me," declares the LORD.

20. Edom was a deceitful nation, later to be judged. Oba 1:2-3

Oba 1:2 "See, I will make you small among the nations; you will be utterly despised.

Oba 1:3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

21. Gains from deceit are shortlived. Pro 20:17

Pro 20:17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

22. False teachers are workers of deceit. 2Co 11:12-15

2Co 11:12 And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

23. There will be false teachers in all ages who use deceit. Rom 16:17-18;

Rom 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

Rom 16:18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

24. People in a reversionist nation practice deceit. Hos 11:12

Hos 11:12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, the house of Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One.

25. People who deny the deity of Christ are deceived and practitioners of their own deception. 2Jo 7

2Jo 7 Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

26. The Antichrist will practice deception and apostasy. 2Th 2:9-10

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 2Th 2:10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

27. Succumbing to deceit can lead to pride and oppression. Jer 5:26-28

Jer 5:26 "Among my people are wicked men who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch men.

Jer 5:27 Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful

Jer 5:28 and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor.

28. False witnesses are deceitful. Pro 14:25

Pro 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

29. Hatred is often concealed by deceit. Pro 26:24-25

Pro 26:24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit.

Pro 26:25 Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart.

30. The folly of fools is characterized by deceit. Pro 14:8-9

Pro 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.

Pro 14:9 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

31. The kisses of an enemy are deceitful - Pro 27:6

Pro 27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

32. Deceit will ultimately be punished - Psa 55:23

Psa 55:23 But you, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of corruption; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in you.

The Deception of Adam and Eve

1. One of the most difficult passages relating to being deceived is that dealing with the deception of Eve in the Garden and its relationship to her role in time.

1Ti 2:11-15

1Ti 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1Ti 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

2. Kenneth Wuest has the following to say of these verses. I shall quote in part with brief comment.

“Paul is still dealing with the context of women in the local assembly ... The silence here has to do with maintaining quiet in the assembly, and does not forbid a woman to take an active part in the work of the church in her own sphere and under the limitations imposed upon her in the contextual passage (I Tim. 2:12).”

The words in verse 12 prohibiting a woman to teach are dependent upon the tense of the Greek infinitive.

“When the Greek desires to refer only the fact of the action denoted by the infinitive, without referring to details, the aorist is to be used. When the present infinitive is used he is going out of his way to add details and the student must pay particular attention to his choice of this tense.”

Paul therefore is saying here that I do not permit a woman to be a teacher in the sense of one with the gift of pastor-teacher and associated authority. It therefore does not prohibit the woman from teaching children or younger women in a church related classroom under the authority of the pastor-teacher.

“The expression “usurp authority,” Vincent says, is not a correct translation of the Greek word. It is rather, “to exercise dominion over.” In the sphere of doctrinal disputes or questions of interpretation, where authority pronouncements are to be made, the woman is to keep silence ... The reason for the above position ... Paul says is found in the original order of creation, and circumstances of the fall of man.”

In verse 14 there are two words translated deceived. The first word “deceived” is from **Apatao** and means to be cheated or deceived or beguiled which we are told Adam was not. The second word “deceived” is **Exapatao** and means to be completely or thoroughly deceived and thus she literally fell into the transgression, for **Ginomai** is in the perfect tense.

“Verse 15 is most difficult in interpretation. We will look at the expression “she shall be saved.” ... it is not used in the ordinary sense of the word as when a sinner puts his faith in the Lord Jesus, and is saved from sin and becomes a child of God. The woman spoken of here is a Christian, for Paul speaks of her as ‘continuing’ in faith and love and holiness. These things could not be said of an unsaved person.”

The Greek **Sozo** has many meanings like “made whole, delivered from drowning” and “made well.” It is also used for positional salvation and temporal salvation.

“In our present verse (2:15), the word is used in the sense of being saved from something other than from an unsaved condition. It should be clear, that salvation, in the latter sense can only be had through faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus, never by good works, or by anything which the sinner might do. What that something is which child-bearing saves the woman from is made clear by the excellent note in *Expositors Greek Testament*; “The penalty for the transgression, so far as woman is concerned, was expressed in the words ‘I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children’ (Gen 3:16). But just as in the case of man, the world being as it is, the sentence has proved a blessing, so it is in the case of woman. ‘In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread’ expresses man’s necessity, duty, privilege, dignity.”

3. The woman, like the man has a normal and natural duty to work out her own deliverance in time. The phrase in verse 15, “Yet she shall be saved in her childbearing if she continues in faith and love and holiness, accompanied by sober mindedness,” refers to the process of her transforming the mind by means of using the filling of the Spirit and cycling Bible doctrine into her right lobe, where it will produce just as it does for the man.

4. Summary of God’s message to the man and the woman in regard to the Fall:

4.1 It is to the advantage of a woman not to teach a man.

4.2 In verse 12 “a woman” is from the anarthrous of **Gune** and calls attention to the quality of the woman.

1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman (**Gune**) to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

4.3 The high quality of the woman is destroyed when she exercises authority over the man.

4.4 Femininity is one of God’s great blessings to the world.

4.5 The responsiveness of the woman is the key to civilization and happiness for both the man and the woman.

4.6 A woman’s response to the authority of her man must be from the source of doctrine.

4.7 In creation God created the authority of the man over the woman.

4.8 Even in the perfect environment of the Garden there was authority. Moses was inspired to write Gen 2:24, and Paul as earlier noted, was inspired to write Eph 5:22.

Gen 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

4.9 Paul said in Eph 5:23-31:

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Eph 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Eph 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph 5:29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

Eph 5:30 for we are members of his body.

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

4.10 Peter said in 1Pe 3:1-6:

1Pe 3:1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

1Pe 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.

1Pe 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1Pe 3:5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,

1Pe 3:6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

4.11 The woman's sin was one of ignorance, but nevertheless she chose - so she was judged guilty.

4.12 Both the man and the woman lost their perfect fellowship with God and, therefore, they both received spiritual death, and the process of physical death began.

4.13 Satan deceived the woman because of her arrogance; she was egocentric and really believed she could help God out.

4.14 The man rejected the authority of God and followed her in the Fall because he just didn't give a damn about God and what He said. The man knew he was just flat doing wrong. Perhaps he cared more about Eve than God. Clearly, deception was the basis for the woman's fall.