

## Questions

1. Expose yourself to enough news, talk radio, and television commentary, and you will hear bleak assessments of the world and things to come. What are some common (but not necessarily biblical) refrains you hear of what we should focus on to reverse course and/or prepare for the future?
2. Reread 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5 and make a list of all the things you see God doing for believers. What's on your list? What do those truths mean for you today? Are there any that are not fully clear?
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:14 says believers have been called through the gospel to "obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." What do you think of when you consider the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ?
4. When was the last time you were overwhelmed with anxiety or discouragement, or temptation seemed to be sinking its claws into you? Where did your mind go? What did you dwell on? What consumed your thoughts? And what antidote are you seeing in the passage before us?
5. According to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:15, what are the first two direct exhortations in this letter? How do they relate to one another and to what Paul previously wrote?
6. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:17, God gives assurances of comfort and hope for His people for what purpose? How do these assurances encourage you, and toward what end?

After each service, if you need prayer,  
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.

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## Now What?

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5**

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After receiving correction from Paul concerning their misguided thoughts about the Day of the Lord, the Thessalonian believers were still facing severe persecution while they waited for the return of Jesus. So, now what? How are believers to live as they await the return of Jesus while still living in a wicked and hate-filled world? The answer, in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2 and 3, comes in two parts: An exhortation of what TO DO, followed by a warning of what NOT to do. Today, we focus on part one. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess 2:13-35 urges us to be constantly doing three things as we live in this dark world, facing hostility from unbelievers, and awaiting Christ's return:

### 1. Study all that God has done for you.

Through his thanksgiving, Paul was modeling for the Thessalonians things they should dwell on.

**2. Stand firm with a confident hope (2:15)**

**3. Serve God (2:17; 3:4)**