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## 2 Thessalonians 2 | A Study of Second Thessalonians | 3.15.26

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**Big Idea:** Remaining faithful should be the life goal of every believer. Many within the Thessalonian church demonstrated faithfulness despite persecution. Allow Scripture and the example of believers, past and present, to encourage your commitment to Christ!

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**2 Thessalonians 2:1-3** *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, <sup>2</sup>not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.*

### Three things will occur prior to Christ's return:

1. The coming apostasy - mass defection of the faith
2. The revealing of the Anti-Christ
3. The restrainer of evil ceases to do His work

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-7** *Let no one **deceive** you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*

- The ultimate deception requires the ultimate plan and the ultimate deceiver.

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-12** *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup>And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup>that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

- Truth seekers are rewarded by GOD, truth rejectors are judged.

→ Paul shifted from eschatology (the study of the last days) to soteriology (the study of salvation)

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-15** *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, <sup>14</sup>to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.*

**1 John 3:1** Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup>But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

**2 Corinthians 10:17-18** But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD." <sup>18</sup> For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

**The Holy Spirit** desires to take the truths of Jesus and make them clear to our minds and real to our hearts in such a way that we willingly, joyfully, and completely submit to GOD. Selah

- We must be sincere and careful students of Scripture to discern what to accept and what to reject!
- Embracing the truth claims of Scripture protects you from deception.

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation (encouragement) and good hope by grace, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

- **Hope** in Scripture means assured confidence in God's promises, *not* wishful thinking.
- Scripture teaches (1) **saving grace**, (2) **sustaining grace**, and (3) **servicing grace**.

**Titus 2:11-15** For the **grace of God** that brings salvation (saving grace) has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (sustaining grace) <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (servicing grace) <sup>15</sup> Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

**Romans 8:31-39** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the **love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Revelation 21 and 22 are coming, but for now, we are living between **Genesis 3** and **Revelation 20**.

- 3.22.26 Conclude **2 Thessalonians**
- 3.29.26 Palm Sunday Message – Communion @ 9:15am
- 3.29.26 Pizza with the Pastors 4:30pm - member meeting; 5:00pm - Pizza! Sign up today →
- 4.3.26 Good Friday Family Service @ 7pm
- 4.5.26 Resurrection Sunday - Family Easter Worship @ 10:30am (No 9:15am)

