

# Sermon Notes



Title: "Christians Have No Cause To Be Disturbed About the End of the World" Part 2

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

Theme: The prospect of deception was significant for these Christians, and it still is for the people of God. Christians have no cause to be disturbed as they hold fast and tight to the Word of God.

## I. The Issue that Needed Clarification (1-2)

## II. Events that Must Occur Before the Day of the Lord Comes (3-5)

## III. The Coming of the Man of Lawlessness (6-10)

## IV. The Work of God through the Man of Lawlessness (11-12)

## V. Christians Are to Stand Firm and Hold to the Apostolic Teachings (13-15)

## VI. Prayer for God's Comfort and Stability (16-17)

## VII. Applications

- A. We should not be surprised when \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ seem to gain an \_\_\_\_\_ in our world or our \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. When God gives you the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and you consistently \_\_\_\_\_ it, you are \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ by a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis for \_\_\_\_\_ you make it through to the very end. What God has \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ He works out in \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The way you \_\_\_\_\_ deception is to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Apostolic \_\_\_\_\_, that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What issue did Paul address that was upsetting the Thessalonian church (v. 1a)?
2. What event occurs simultaneously with the coming of Christ (v. 1b)? What is this event sometimes called?
3. How was the Thessalonian church reacting to this matter (v. 2a)?
4. What does Paul suspect may have been some of the sources that caused this disturbance in the church (v. 2b)?
5. What was Paul's verdict as to whether or not the Day of the Lord had come (v. 2b)?
6. What two events must transpire before the Day of the Lord can come (v. 3)?
7. Why had not the Man of Lawlessness come on the scene yet (v. 6)?
8. What will happen to the Man of Lawlessness (v. 8)?
9. What will characterize this person's coming (v. 9)?
10. How is God at work through the Man of Lawlessness (vv. 11-12)?
11. What are Christians to do so that they will not be deceived (v. 15)?
12. For what does Paul pray regarding the Thessalonian church (vv. 16-17)?
13. Why are we so apt to forget what God has told us in His Word?
14. When evil and wickedness appear to dominate in life around you, are you inclined to view the work of the Gospel as a failure? Why or why not?
15. Are you a pessimist or an optimist about the world? What determines your outlook?
16. How can you stand firm in the Gospel?
17. How do you know you have believed and embraced the Gospel?
18. What deceptions are particularly strong in our world today?
19. Why is God's election the basis for why we make it through to the end and are saved? Can we know we are among the elect? If so, how?
20. Where do we find the Apostolic traditions? Is Apostolic tradition the same as Church tradition? What is the difference?