

Hope in These Last Days (2 Thess 2:1-17)

A Hope Driven Life

Discussion Questions

- **Have you ever felt lost in trying to discern the truth in the confusion of these last days?**
 - Describe a time when you felt exhausted or disoriented trying to understand the events of these last days.
 - Why do you think the end times are so hard to understand?
- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2**
 - What false doctrine is Paul trying to correct in the Thessalonian church?
 - Describe a time when you were tempted to believe in a false teaching or doctrine.
 - Have you ever been fearful or shaken about aspects of Jesus return? If so, how?
- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12**
 - What are some themes you see in the way the Man of Lawlessness operates in this text?
 - How does lawlessness differ from one who breaks the law?
 - What do you think Paul means by “the mystery of lawlessness is already at work” in verse 7?
 - Read 1 John 2:18 and see how John’s teaching relates.
 - Read Matthew 24:3-31 and see how Jesus’ teaching relates.
 - Who or what do you think Paul refers to as “the one who now restrains him” in the second half of 2 Thessalonians 2:7?
 - What do you think it means that the man of lawlessness will “take his seat in the temple of God” in verse 4?
 - What little-antichrists can you think of that have done similar things throughout history?
- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**
 - What stands out to you about this passage?
 - How does the nature of the Gospel differ from that of the man of lawlessness?
 - Why do we call this figure the “Antichrist”?
 - What seems to be Paul’s biggest desire for the Thessalonians in this passage?
 - What does Paul mean by “stand firm” in this text?
- **Which of the 8 practices (Prayer, Scripture, Vocation, Evangelism, Simplicity, Sabbath, Generosity, Community) help you stand firm against the way of the Antichrist and remain faithful to the way of Jesus Christ?**
 - In what ways can you utilize scripture to help you identify lies and false teaching?
 - How can you make prayer for the persecuted church a regular rhythm?

- Which of the 8 practices best help you surrender yourself to King Jesus?