

5. Given the three possible explanations of a restraining force: Paul, governments, or the Spirit? which one makes the most sense to you? How might your view on each of these change the way that you behave and the kinds of things you work towards in this life? How does your understanding of the second coming, change your focus?

6. What do you make of the fact that God is going to send a "deluding influence" upon those who reject the truth? What is the relationship between believing what is false and taking pleasure in wickedness?

**Extra Space for Extra Notes: Good for you!**

**Welcome to CSC! (11/12/2025) 2 Thess 2:1-12**

Memory Verses this semester:

**Review: God's Justice**

**Tonight: The Rebellion**

**1-2: Encouragement and not \_\_\_\_\_.**

Letter, \_\_\_\_\_ or prophesy

**3-5 Against \_\_\_\_\_**

Did they miss the return?

Montanism and Jehovah's Witnesses...

Apostasy is \_\_\_\_\_.

It will be obvious.

**3-5: Antichrist or \_\_\_\_\_?**

1 John 2:18, Matthew 24:1-16

Signs of the time: last hour or \_\_\_\_\_ pangs?

**3-4&8-10: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Lawlessness**

Lawless, son of \_\_\_\_\_, exalts himself as God.

In accordance with \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

Power and signs and \_\_\_\_\_ wonders.

**5-8: The Restraining \_\_\_\_\_.**

We don't know what we don't know.

Possibilities

1. The Holy Spirit and the church
2. Paul and the gospel
3. The government

**10-12: An instrument of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Giving people over to their own desires.

The flood, Israel, Saul, etc.

Romans 1:18-25

It won't be hard for God to defeat him...

“with the breath of His mouth...”

#### **Small Group Questions and Resources**

\*Please keep in mind that small groups are not expected to get through all of these questions. They are not required to “get through” any of them. Rather, please take these questions as an optional guide to help digest the message.

1. Have you ever been shaken by something you heard in a sermon or from an influencer? What is the difference between being quickly shaken and being disturbed? Have you ever heard a false teacher or prophet make claims that you knew were wrong or anti-biblical, but there were people being taken in? How did you react? How can we interject in such situations in a God-honoring way?
2. How is Paul's description of the apostasy supposed to help comfort the Thessalonians? Doesn't it seem calculated to do exactly the opposite? How does this relate to Christ's teaching in Matthew 24? How is this almost the opposite of the concern they had over those who had died in Christ before His return?
3. When we look at the man of lawlessness, what are some of the big take-aways? What is he going to be like? What are the worst of his traits? What does it mean that he will perform miracles, but miracles that will be deception and false? How can a miracle or wonder be false?
4. What does it mean that there have been many antichrists as in 1 John 2:18? What are some of the historical examples that we see? Why do we have to be careful about looking for "the antichrist" in contemporary settings? Why are we also wise at the same time to pay attention?

Questions continued on the back.