

The Profile Of A Healthy Church

Message # 21

THE ANTICHRIST—PART 1

2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

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CONFUSION CREATES INSTABILITY. **CLARITY** PROVIDES STABILITY.

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

DON'T BE TROUBLED.

2 Thessalonians 2:2

Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun.

DON'T BE GULLIBLE.

2 Thessalonians 2:2-3

Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. 3 Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction.

- **What is the Day of the Lord?**

The day of judgment by God on sinners.

- **Who is the man of lawlessness?**

The Anti-Christ.

The Antichrist will come on the scene and...

2 Thessalonians 2:4

He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God.

God's timing is perfect!

V5 Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you?

V6 And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes.

V7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way.

"The Restrainer (God) has not yet been removed; therefore, the man of lawlessness has not yet appeared, and the day of the Lord has not yet arrived." F.F. Bruce

1. Are you living in anticipation of Jesus' return with a desire for holiness in this unholy world?
2. Don't live in fear; live from the truths of the Word of God.
3. Do you have doubts about your eternal destiny? Why not settle this today?

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Lord, I admit I am a sinner. I need and want Your forgiveness. I accept Your death as the penalty for my sin and recognize that Your mercy and grace are gifts. You offer me free grace because of Your great love, not based on anything I have done. Cleanse me and make me Your child. Amen.