

Today

In The Meantime



2/21/16

Two weeks ago

Don't Panic

(How to stay composed regarding "the day of the Lord")
2 Thessalonians 2:1-14

¹Now we request you, brethren, with regard to
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and

our gathering together to Him,

²that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed
either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us,
to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

A. Watch for God's signs

³Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless

1. the falling away of many

the apostasy comes first, and

2. the revealing of the antichrist

the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

⁴who opposes and exalts himself

above every so-called god or object of worship,

so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,

displaying himself as being God.

⁵Do you not remember that

while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

B. Trust God's timing

1. to begin it

⁶And you know what restrains him now,
so that in his time he may be revealed.

⁷For

the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;

only

he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

⁸And

then that lawless one will be revealed

2. to end it

whom the Lord will
slay
with the breath of His mouth
and
bring to an end
by the appearance of His coming;

C. Love God's truth

1. to avoid deception

⁹that is,
the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan,
with all power and signs and false wonders,
¹⁰and
with all the deception of wickedness
for those who perish,
because they did not receive the love of the truth
so as to be saved

2. to avoid judgement

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¹¹And
for this reason
God will send upon them a deluding influence
so that they might believe what is false,
¹²in order that they all may be judged
who
did not believe the truth,
but
took pleasure in wickedness.

The Good News

¹³But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren
beloved by the Lord,
because God has chosen you
from the beginning
for salvation
through
sanctification by the Spirit
and
faith in the truth.
¹⁴And
it was for this He called you
through our gospel,
that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Thessalonians 2:15-3:5

A. Two things to do

¹⁵So then, brethren,
stand firm
and
hold to the traditions
 which you were taught,
 whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

B. Two things to receive

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father,
 who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
¹⁷comfort
and
strengthen your hearts
 in every good work and word.

C. Two things for which to pray

3:1 Finally, brethren,
pray for us
 that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified,
 just as *it did* also with you;
²and
 that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men;
 for not all have faith.

D. Two things the Lord will do

³But the Lord is faithful, and He will
strengthen
and
protect you
 from the evil *one*.
⁴And
we have confidence in the Lord concerning you,
 that you are doing and will *continue to* do what we command.

E. Two more things to receive

⁵And may the Lord direct your hearts
 into the love of God
and
 into the steadfastness of Christ.