

# In The Meantime

part 2

3/6/16



A quick review:

**How to stay composed** regarding, "the day of the Lord"

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now we request you, brethren,  
with regard to

the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and

our gathering together to Him,

<sup>2</sup>that 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

<sup>3</sup>Let 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,

<sup>4</sup>who 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.

<sup>5</sup>Do 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

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

<sup>7</sup>For

the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;

only

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

<sup>8</sup>And

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

<sup>9</sup>that is,

the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan,  
with all power and signs and false wonders,  
<sup>10</sup>and  
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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<sup>11</sup>And  
for this reason  
God will send upon them a deluding influence  
so that they might believe what is false,  
<sup>12</sup>in order that they all may be judged  
who  
did not believe the truth,  
but  
took pleasure in wickedness.

Today:

**The Good News** regarding, "the day of the Lord"

<sup>13</sup>But 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.

<sup>14</sup>And  
it was for this He called you  
through our gospel,  
that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In The Meantime**, while awaiting "the day of the Lord"

**A. Two things to do**

<sup>15</sup>So 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**

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father,  
    who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,  
<sup>17</sup>comfort  
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;  
<sup>2</sup>and  
    that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men;  
    for not all have faith.

### **D. Two things the Lord will do**

<sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful, and He will  
strengthen  
and  
protect you  
    from the evil *one*.  
<sup>4</sup>And  
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**

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