



2 Thessalonians 3:17-18
Q & A Service
From sermon 7.31.22

Read *2 Thessalonians 3:17-18*

Overview from Sunday's sermon/service: We finally arrive at the grand conclusion of these warm, important letters. God the Holy Spirit had Paul include a vast variety of subjects and doctrines in these 8 chapters. This baby church in ancient Macedonia was truly a model church in a depraved culture.

1. What was the significance of Paul's inclusion: this "this is in my own hand...a distinguishing mark"? This was further and final authentication it came from the Apostle. Apparently, someone had brought a false report to the young church that they had missed the rapture and were living in the Day of the Lord. See *2 Thessalonians 2:1-2*

2. Why are the Thessalonians letters so timely and practical for us today? Various answers. We are also trying to be a model church in a depraved culture. We face the challenge of living holy lives vs. our old nature or the pressure to compromise. The price for being a believer keeps increasing. We also look forward to Jesus' return and have many questions about it. Like them, we must do the hard work of keeping the Church pure and staying united in love.

3. Who were the 4 main characters (or groups) addressed in these letters? Comment on each.

Members—*2 Thessalonians 1:3*

Elders—*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

Culture—*2 Thessalonians 1:6-8*

Christ—*2 Thessalonians 1:10*

4. Using a 1-7, Put the following events in order, as revealed in the Scriptures:

6 Great White Throne Judgment

2 Tribulation

4 Christ's 2nd Coming

1 Rapture

7 New Heaven and New Earth

5 1000-year Reign of Christ on Earth

3 Judgment of Believers

[Note: #2 & #3 are pretty much simultaneous. So, either order of those is true]

5. What are a few things you've learned in the study of these two letters? Various Personal Answers

6. What is the crucial, *most important* job of any Pastor/Elder? Preparing and Preaching the Word.

7. Who is the "man of lawlessness", mentioned in *2 Thessalonians 2:3*? He is the coming physical, ruler Antichrist. His spirit has been at work since the beginning. He is empowered by Satan himself. He will be a blending of all pagan/evil world rulers in history. He comes with many signs and wonders. The world will love and embrace him and buy his lies.