

The Splendor of His Coming

II Thessalonians Series – Part 2

Scripture text – II Thessalonians 2:1-15

Introduction

- The church in Thessalonica had someone gotten it into their thinking that the 2nd coming of Christ had already _____.
- Instead of laughing at their foolishness, a more _____ approach is to admit that the church of every era is _____ to crazy notions.
- In this passage, the apostle Paul informs us what will immediately _____ Christ's coming; namely,
 1. A _____
 2. The emergence of the man of _____
- This passage is a powerful & compelling refutation of so-called _____ theology. An informed, watchful church won't be _____ by the coming of Christ.

The Rebellion

- The word translated *rebellion* is the Greek word _____, which means to defect, abandon or _____.
- What the rebellion will look like (3 possibilities):
 1. An actual _____ of churches;
 2. Large segments of the global church ascribe to _____; or
 3. _____ of the above.
- Paul's admonishment: Believers need to _____ and hold to the _____ passed on to us.

The Man of Lawlessness

1. The man of lawlessness will be empowered by _____ and will _____ Christ.
 - His signs & wonders will be "counterfeit" in the sense of promoting a _____.

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2. The man of lawlessness will incite global _____ as a prelude to _____ rule.
- The spirit of lawlessness is _____ at work in the world
 - Even within many churches today, there is a neglect (defiance) of God's _____. At FBC, we proclaim both _____ & _____.
 - Currently, the lawlessness is being _____.
 - The identity of the restraining power (3 possibilities):
 - a) The _____;
 - b) The _____; or
 - c) _____ (most likely).
 - The meaning of *he will set himself up in God's temple*:
 - a) His headquarters will be _____; or
 - b) He will infiltrate & capture _____.
3. The man of lawlessness is doomed to _____ and God will _____ his people from being deluded and committing _____.
- It won't be a _____ struggle.
 - Only the _____ will be deceived.
 - For God's people, the "_____ of salvation" keeps them secure.

Conclusion

Let us _____ at Christ and say,
 "_____, Lord Jesus."

Discussion Question

What words describe your thoughts & feelings about the teaching of this passage?

