

**Grace Community Church
The Coming Day of the Lord
May 24, 2026**

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17.**
2. **Read verses 1-2.** In what ways have you been most shaken and alarmed considering eschatological events (e.g. the tribulation, Jesus' second coming, the rapture, the judgment). What truths and passages in all of Scripture can we consider for comfort when fearful and uncertain regarding the future?
3. **Read verses 3-5.** How, and why, should we keep from spending unhealthy amounts of time and energy in speculations, predictions, and conspiracy theories regarding the antichrist?
4. **Read verses 6-8.** Who do you know who is showing shows signs of being deceived by Satan's lies (*consider 1 John 2:18*)? What can you do to help shed light on this mystery of lawlessness that is already at work?
5. **Read verses 9-12.** In what ways do these verses alert us to the urgent need for people to respond in belief to the gospel and be saved? In what ways has loving the truth caused you to stop seeking pleasure in unrighteousness?
6. **Read verses 13-14.** Which truth in these two verses do you need to most cling to in your life right now?
7. **Read verse 15.** How anchored are you in biblical truth? What steps could you take to become more certain of what you believe?¹
8. **Read verses 16-17.** In what way do you need the Lord to comfort your heart and establish you for what you need to say and do this week (or this month, etc.)?

¹ Ligon Duncan, [*1 & 2 Thessalonians for You*](#), ed. Carl Laferton, God's Word for You (The Good Book Company, 2023), 173.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture References

- 1 Peter 4:12-13 [12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
- Other Scripture references regarding Christian suffering: 1 Peter 2:20–23; Philippians 1:28; Romans 8:18-19; Acts 14:22; John 16:33;
- John 17:12 [12] While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Quotes & Notes

- Pastor Brad's Four Millennial Positions Document [\[link\]](#)
- GCC's Doctrinal Statements [\[link\]](#)
- 1999 Blue Bird Bus [\[link\]](#)
- Open Doors World Watch List 2026 [\[link\]](#)
- 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix Wide Track [\[link\]](#)
- The reason for their being deceived is that *they refused to love the truth and so be saved* (10). Love of the truth (it is implied) was offered to them, but they rejected it. Behind the great deception there lay the great refusal.²
- God's sovereignty and man's free will dwell side by side throughout Scripture. It is only in our finite minds that the two cannot be reconciled. If you ignore God's tug on your heart, it will be because you are not chosen by God. If you choose God today, it will be

² John R. W. Stott, [The Message of Thessalonians: The Gospel & the End of Time](#), The Bible Speaks Today (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994), 172.

because He already chose you. Choose Him now, dear people. Surely it is His grace that has brought you this far.³

Sermon Outline

Main point of the text:

Paul wanted to assure the Thessalonians that the Day of the Lord had not yet come, explain what must happen beforehand, and instruct them how to stand firm and take comfort until then.

Main point of the sermon:

Stand firm and take comfort no matter what comes. You're destined for glory!

Title:

The Coming Day of the Lord

- Do not be shaken or alarmed (1-2)
- There will be a rebellion (3-12)
 - The man of lawlessness will be revealed (3-7)
 - The man of lawlessness will be killed (8)
 - Those who refuse the truth will be condemned (9-12)
- Thank God for your salvation (13-14)
 - God chose those who believe (13)
 - God calls through the proclamation of the gospel (14)
- Stand firm and take comfort (15-17)
 - Hold to the traditions (15)
 - Recall the love and grace of God (16-17)

³ Jon Courson, [*Jon Courson's Application Commentary*](#) (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2003), 1355.