

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Review 2 Thessalonians 1 through 2:2 and read carefully 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

3 Let no one in any way deceive you,
for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first,
and the man of lawlessness is revealed,
the son of destruction,
4 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.

5 Do you not remember
that while I was still with you,
I was telling you these things?

1. What is the command in these verses?
2. Why is the warning of these verses being given? What made the Thessalonians susceptible to deception?
3. What is the noun being referred to by "it" in verse three?
4. What two things must precede the coming of Christ according to verse 3?

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5. What is “the apostasy?” referring to? What significance does the definite article have attached to apostasy? What other passages might help understand this meaning?
6. What is the significance of apostasy? What will this mean for believers?
7. Who is the man of lawlessness? What details do we learn about this man based on his titles in these verses?
8. What other passages of scripture speak about this man of lawlessness? What parallels do you see between Daniel 11 and these verses?

❖ Day 2

Review the letter and read 2 Thess. 2:3-5 again.

9. What does the man of lawlessness do?
10. Who/what is he opposed to?
11. Why does he do these things?
12. What is the temple of God referring to?
13. What is so significant about this man of lawlessness taking a seat in the temple? What passages outside of this text would you use to support your answer?

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14. Why would he desire to display himself in this way?

❖ Day 3

Review the letter and read 2 Thess. 2:3-5 again.

15. Why is it important to protect ourselves from false viewpoints about the end times?

16. Does this text suggest that things are going to be better prior to Christ's return or worse?

17. Why might the Thessalonians have forgotten the message/teaching he previously spoke to them when he was with them?

18. What impact would it have on the Thessalonians if they were deceived outside of the viewpoint of this passage?

19. What is the value in *remembering right teaching* that is apparent in these verses? What does this inform us about the need for consistent teaching of the truth?

20. What is the main point/idea of these verses? How would you summarize it into one sentence?

In preparation for Sunday, pray through this passage for

- For the coming of Christ.
- That the truth of God's Word would be upheld and that you would not be deceived by false teaching.
- For those who are deceived by false teaching and who have drifted into apostasy even now. Pray they would return to Christ before it is too late.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and that the reality of Christ's return would prompt you to be faithful in evangelism.