

## MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

New Testament Unit - Living It Out - *Future-Proof Faith* - July 23, 2017

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

Intro: Why do people continue to follow "false teachers" and ideas/teachings that do not come from scripture?

### I. 2 Thess. 2:1-12 - The Deception Of Wickedness At Work

1. (2:1-3) What problems were the church at Thessalonica having around the coming of Jesus?

What two things did Paul say would precede the Second Coming?

2. (2:3-5) How did Paul describe this "man of lawlessness"? Had Paul talked to them before about these things? What did Paul say?

3. (2:6-8) What else do we find out about the "man of lawlessness in these verses?

4. (2:9-12) Who is he from? What happens to those that follow him?

We do not need to fear the future because \_\_\_\_\_!

## II. 2 Thess. 2:13-17 Holding To God's Teachings Helps Us To Endure

1. (2:13-14) Why was Paul thankful for the Thessalonians?

2. (2:15) What did Paul encourage them to do?

3. (2:16-17) What did Paul pray for them?

## III. The Power of Answered Prayer; Encouragement and Strength

Read each of these passages. What did Paul do/say/pray for to help his brothers and sisters in Christ?

1 Thess. 2:11-12

1 Thess. 3:2

1 Thess. 3:13

1 Thess. 5:11

2 Thess. 1:11

Eph. 3:16