

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Patiently Waiting

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Study Text: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-17

Intro: But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God. (2 Cor. 2:14-17, NIV)

As you read this passage, what thoughts come to mind that apply to us today?

1. (2 Thess.2:1-5) The Power of Deception Hurts Our Righteousness

- (2:1-2) What had the church in Thessalonica become "shaken and alarmed" about? What caused it?
- (2:3) What was Paul's warning and instruction?
- (2:3b-4) How is the "man of lawlessness" described and what will he do?
- (2:5) What did Paul remind them of?

2. (2 Thess.2:6-12) The Power of God Helps Our Righteousness

- The "man of lawlessness" would already be working on the scene if he were not _____.

How did they know this?

- The lawlessness was described as a M_____ and already at W_____! (2:7)

- When will the lawless one be revealed? What will happen to the lawless one? (2:7-8)
- The coming of the lawless one is the activity of _____. What will accompany the lawless one? (2:9)
- Those that perish will do so because they will be D_____. They will refuse to love the T_____ and will not be S_____. (2:10)
- What will God do to those that refuse to love the truth? (2:11)
- Who will be condemned? (2:12)

3. (2 Thess.2:13-17) Standing Firm Will Help Our Righteousness

- Those that stand firm for Christ, are known by their G_____, by their S_____, through their S_____, and their belief in the T_____. (2:13)
- Those that stand firm for Christ, are called by the G_____ and are promised that they will obtain the G_____ Jesus Christ. (2:14) See also 1 Thess.2:12, Ro.8:17, & Col.3:4
- Those that stand firm for Christ, hold to the T_____ they are taught by I_____ or by the S_____ of scripture. (2:15)
- Those that stand firm for Christ, have the promise of God's L_____, E_____, C_____, and our H_____ through His G_____. (2:16)
- Those who stand firm for Christ, also have the promise of comfort for our H_____ and will establish us in every good W_____ and W_____. (2:17)