



hope and holiness

a study in
2 thessalonians

Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
2. In verses 1-2, what is Paul telling the Thessalonian Christians not to be alarmed by?
3. What will happen on the Day of the Lord? (Look back at 1:7-10)?
4. Why might the Thessalonian Christians have thought they had missed this? What did they think about themselves (Look back at 1:4)?
5. How do we know that our suffering doesn't mean God is angry at us? What does Romans 8:32 say about this? Does this help you cope with suffering? Why or why not?
6. What are the evidences that Paul gave to the Thessalonian Christians that Jesus hadn't come back yet (look at 2:3-4)?
7. People debate what these things mean, but what is clear is that before the return of Christ, many professing believers will be led astray from God. How should we live now as a result of that warning?
8. What do verses 5-7 say about the presence of evil in the world today? What is the relationship between God and evil?
9. When the man of lawlessness (the antichrist) comes, who will give him power and what will he do, according to verses 8-12?
10. What will God's relationship be with the unrestrained evil of the man of lawlessness?
11. How do you feel about the idea that God is always sovereign, always in control, even over evil? Is it strange to you that God uses the deception of the man of lawlessness for His purposes? Is it good that He does this? How do we know?
12. One day, Jesus will come back. Instead of arguing over the details of how and when, how should this truth change the way we live as Christians?