

**“How to Find Comfort as the Last Days Approach” 9/19/10**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:1-17**

Studies in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians- “Encouragement for a Faith-full Church”

POINT 1- We find comfort as we exhibit living by this PRINCIPLE

- A. The principle consists of not determining truth by EXPERIENCE  
(they focused on the events which distracted them; Matt 24:6)
- B. The principle consists of avoiding deception through the WORD  
(Luke 24:13-32; Matt 24, Mark 13; Luke 21; John 15:15)

***Going*** *God wants us to truly look to Him and not our circumstances!*  
***Deeper***

POINT 2- We find comfort as we recognize that we know the PLAN

- A. The plan tells us in advance of the timing of the DAY OF THE LORD  
(It will come after the “rebellion” and man of sin; Matt 24:15; Dan 11)
- B. The plan tells us in advance of the mystery of LAWLESSNESS  
(The Holy Spirit is the restrainer; Exodus 7-8; Matt 24:24- elect)

***Going*** *God wants us to be aware so that we can remained comforted!*  
***Deeper***

POINT 3- We find comfort as we rejoice and trust in God’s PROMISE

- A. The promise of God tells us that we have been chosen for SALVATION  
(2:13; Rom 5:9; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; John 15:16; Eph 1:4; Titus 1:2)
- B. The promise of God tells us that we need to stand fast and RECEIVE  
(Ephesians 6:11, 13, 14; 1 Thess 3:8; established so we can function)

*“that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” (Hebrew 6:12)*

***Going*** *God wants us to continually trust in His promises!!*  
***Deeper***