

**Correction Concerning the Day of the Lord**  
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-17)

Intro: Paul writes 2 Thessalonians to correct a false teaching that had been introduced in the Thessalonian church. False teachers were telling the believers that they had missed the rapture of the church, and were experiencing sufferings they attributed to the judgments of the Day of the Lord. Paul reminds these believers that the Day of the Lord could not come until they had **first been “gathered together to Christ”** (v. 1; 1 Thess 4:13-18).

**I. In Relation to the Thessalonian’s Present Condition 2:1-2**

- A. Concerning the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 1)
- B. Concerning the False Teaching About the Day of the Lord (v. 2)

**II. In Relation to the Coming Apostasy 2:3a**

**III. In Relation to the Revelation of the Man of Sin 2:3b-5; 8-10**

- A. His Revelation (v. 2:3b)
- B. His Religion (vv. 4-5)
- C. His Power (vv. 9-10)
- D. His Punishment (v. 8)



**IV. In Relation to the Restrainer, the Holy Spirit 2:6-7**

**V. In Relation to Unbeliever’s Rejection of the Truth 2:10-12**

- A. The Condition of Unbelievers (v. 10 )
- B. The Consequences for Unbelievers (vv. 11-12)

**VI. In Relation to the Thessalonian’s Proven Faithfulness 2:13-17**

**Applications:**

1. It is my prayer this morning that each of us may draw encouragement from these words. Paul makes it abundantly clear that believers will not experience the Day of the Lord, **“for God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ”** (1 Thess 5:9; see also 1 Thess 1:10; Rom 5:9; Rev 3:10).
2. Let us heed Paul’s admonition to stand firm and to hold fast to the traditions and truths which we have been, and are being taught from God’s holy Word.
3. Let us pray for one another so that none of us may slip backward in our Christian experience because of the pressures of our trials and the daily negative influences of the world, the flesh, and the devil!
4. Finally, keep in mind that prophecy is primarily designed to **motivate us to godly living—living life with a view to eternity and the marvelous things to come!**