

Allen Temple Sunday School Lesson

Hope Comes from God's Grace

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 9-17

Devotional Reading Titus 3:1-7



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Aim for Change

1. **EXPLORE:** The purpose for which God has called you.
2. **TRUST:** God has a significant plan for our lives.
3. **PRAY: FOR CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF God's assignment (for me).**
4. **Stand firm in faith, hope, and love, always being ready for Christ's return.**

Introduction

Unfortunately, some Christians and non-Christians have attempted to set dates regarding Christ's return:

***No one knows the "day or hour" (Matt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32).**

***We must be actively involved in carrying out the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19).**

***We were saved to do good. Titus 3:1-11**

Word Study:

- **Deceived** = cause someone to believe something that is not true.
- **Apostasy** = abandonment of or renunciation of religious or political belief (rebellion)
- **Persecution** = difficulties that come to the Christian church and to individual Christians because of their discipleship and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Lesson Objective:

A. Deception knows no Boundaries 2 Thess. 2:1-3

- 1. deception (deceived)= cause someone to believe something that is not true, typically in order to gain personal advantage.**
- 2. This is a very young church, and young Christians, although committed, they had not progressed and matured in their faith.**

- **The Thessalonians had been told by false teachers that the Day of the Lord had already come and that they had missed it.**
- **Paul, in his epistle writes to them to let them know that the Lord had not returned. Do not let anyone deceive you.**
- **They questioned themselves because some have become rebellious and began to fall away.**

B. WE Must Love the Truth or Else Be Deceived 2 Thess. 2:9-11

- **Lawless one will perform signs and wonders and display great power.**
- **Before the Day of the Lord comes, evil will worsen, and a man who represents Satan will emerge, working false miracles, signs, and wonders.**
- **How will we recognize these false signs?**

C. We escape deception through Faith

2 Thess. 2:13-15 a

- **God has poured out His grace on those of us who believe. We did not choose Him, but He first chose us (John 15:16).**
- **From the beginning, God chose us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth**
- **With God's help, we can "stand firm" no matter what happens on this earth (2 Thess. 2:15)**

Summary

- **Christ will come, and we are to be ready.**
- **We must be actively involved in carrying out the Great Commission**
- **The more we help Christians grow in faith, hope, and love, the more they will be ready for Christ's return.**
- **Jesus offers us eternal life. He offers discipleship, relationship, and His abiding promise to be with us always, even until the end. You must know Him for yourself.**

Closing Thought

***2 Thess. 2:16-17 KJV**

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ, himself, and God, even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.”

Do you know Jesus Hezekiah Walker

**When the song is over When the music stops,
Do you know Jesus? Does He live in your
heart? When your life is troubled, Jesus still
wants to be a part Do you know Jesus? Does
He live in your heart? Do you believe that He
was born? Do you believe that He died? Do
you believe your sins can be forgiven by the
blood from His side? Do you believe His love
can meet you right where you are?
Do you know Jesus?**