

Standing Firm Against False Teaching

Stand Firm #2 - Pastor Gary Combs - October 23, 2016 - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (ESV) ¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

How to Stand Firm Against False Teaching About Christ's Return:

1. Do not be _____.

Matthew 24:5-7 (ESV) For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are **not alarmed**, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

2. Do not be _____.

1 John 3:4, 7-8 (ESV) Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness... Little children, **let no one deceive you**. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil...

3. Do not be _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 (ESV) Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are **fully aware** that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ...But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ...For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.