

2 Thessalonians

Stay Strong & Focused

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(2) Rampant _____ (About Jesus' Return)

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(3) _____ Christians

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(2) To help us _____ when it happens

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(1) Significant **PERSECUTION**

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(2) Rampant **SPECULATION** (About Jesus' Return)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3/ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

(3) **LAZY** Christians

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A Deeper Dive: The Problem Of End-Times Speculation

It's spiritually **DANGEROUS**.

1 Timothy 1:3-7/ 1 Corinthians 8:1/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4/ 1 Peter 2:11-12

It's a **WASTE OF TIME**.

Matthew 24:36/ Deuteronomy 18:21-22

The two primary **PURPOSES** of end-times prophecies:

(1) To give us **HOPE** in the meantime

Titus 2:13

(2) To help us **RECOGNIZE** when it happens

1 Peter 1:10-12 (Isaiah 9:6 & Isaiah 53:1-12/ 2 Corinthians 1:13/ Deuteronomy 29:29)

Food for Thought for the week of July 4, 2021

(Readings and questions for the further study of the Book of 2 Thessalonians)

The Food for Thought this week is designed to be used along with the Daily Dose. Visit northcoastchurch.com/dose for details to subscribe to this free video devotional.

Day 1 – Read Chapter 1: Paul wanted the Thessalonians to know that the relief from the severe suffering they were experiencing would only come when Jesus returns, not before. So, when we suffer, we shouldn't judge God's love, power and goodness by anything other than what Jesus did for us on the cross. What role has suffering played in your life? When you face trials and suffering, are you able to view them as a tool to build character (James 1:2-4)?

Day 2 – Read Chapter 2: The Thessalonians were guilty of "rampant speculation" when it came to Christ's return. Larry pointed out that the Bible wasn't given to answer all our questions about end times, but to help us become more like Jesus. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 to see the role the Bible is supposed to play in our lives. What are one or two things you could do to allow God to use the Bible in the way it was designed to be used in your life?

Day 3 – Read Chapter 3: Some of the Thessalonians had decided to stop working. They didn't understand the purpose of work. One major purpose of work is to allow us to have something to share with others. Larry encouraged us to be the hardest workers by going the extra mile and serving others. How's your work ethic? Are you going the extra mile both to have something to share and to make God look good?

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