

Sermon Study Guide – November 12th, 2023

"A Time for Thorough Vigilance"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ As we continue our series about this time between Jesus' 1st & 2nd Comings, how is now a time for vigilance?
- ◆ Usually, the expression goes, "a time for constant vigilance"... How is "thorough vigilance" different? What can still threaten our faith from within the church if we are not so vigilant?

2) Today's Message: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, ¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. How does the Bible describe the Antichrist elsewhere, such as in Daniel or John's writings?
2. How does Paul describe the Antichrist here, to his audience in Thessalonica?
3. Who fulfills the qualifications of *the* Antichrist in Scripture? Why is he the perfect "agent" for Satan to utilize?
4. How should Scripture's teaching of the Antichrist lead us to want to be "*thoroughly* vigilant"?
5. How is there danger of an antichristian spirit in each and every one of us?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *read/review* Is. 52:1-6, Mt. 24-25:12 **Thursday:** Daniel 7

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:1-3; 2 Jn 1:7-11 **Friday:** 1 John 2:12-29

Wednesday: Revelation 13:1-10 **Saturday:** *review* 2 Thess. 2:1-10