

3. There is Someone or Something that is Restraining Evil. (2 Thessalonians 2:5-7)

4. What Happens When the Lawless One is Revealed? (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12)

Table Talk

- 1) What error did the Thessalonians have about the coming of Jesus Christ? What errors do we see today? Why are errors about this matter so easy for the church to embrace? (vv. 1-2)
- 2) What must happen before Jesus' Second Coming? (v. 3) What kind of person is this man of lawlessness? (v. 4)
- 3) Who or what is restraining the man of lawlessness? (v. 6) How do you see the "mystery of lawlessness" already at work, preparing the world for the coming anti-Christ? (v. 7) Why do we need to be very careful about identifications of current events with these matters?
- 4) How will the man of lawlessness be destroyed? (v. 8) Why is this important to emphasize?
- 5) List all the words and ideas related to deception in verses 9-12. Why will it be easy for people to believe in the anti-Christ? How does God make that belief even easier? (v. 11) What is the purpose of God's activity here in sending a strong delusion? (v. 12)
- 6) How is this teaching a comfort in our afflictions?