



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 31, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Comfort in Affliction

A Review of 2 Thessalonians About What God Has to Say to the Church During Hard Times

1. Our current affliction is not the end times because there will be judgment at Christ's coming. (Chapter 1)
2. The comfort we experience in our afflictions now shows how much God will spare us from when the Anti-Christ arrives. (Chapter 2)

3. We gain comfort when we recognize the job we have to do and do it. (Chapter 3)
4. The prayer for peace and the power of the Lord Jesus Christ brings comfort in affliction. (2 Thessalonians 3:16-18)

Table Talk

- 1) How does the thought of judgment impact the Christian's purpose on earth? (see 1:9-10) How are you growing in steadfastness and faith during this pandemic? (1:4)
- 2) How is it comforting to know that there is one who is a restrainer of evil? (2:7) Why can knowing that this world is not our ultimate home be a comfort in present affliction? What kind of eternal comfort and good hope is given to us? (2:16)
- 3) For whom are you praying that they may be saved? (3:1-2) How is that praying a comfort in affliction?
- 4) What delight do you take in your work? (3:13) Why would being around lazy Christians bring despair in affliction? (3:6, 14)
- 5) How is the prayer for peace in 3:16 important in this time of pandemic? What is peace? Why does Paul make certain to his readers that this is really him writing? (3:17)
- 6) Trace all the uses of the term "Lord Jesus Christ" in this letter. Why do you think Paul uses that term more frequently in this letter than in any book of the Bible?