

## **SOME QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION:**

**—Here are some discussion questions for use in your personal study or in a setting with someone else like a small group.**

—Please stop and consider the following quotes/statements that relate in some specific way to what we find in 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3:5. How do you react or respond to the points being made in them?

—“What a time to take the news of the day in one hand and the Bible in the other and watch the unfolding of the great drama of the ages come together. This is an exciting and thrilling time to be alive ... The world knows that things cannot go on as they are. History has reached an impasse. The world is on a collision course. Something has to give.” —Billy Graham, speaking in 2013

—“Will you imagine please, a platform that’s shut off by a curtain that’s drawn? There’s a lot of activity going on behind that drawn curtain. If there’s a crack between the bottom of the curtain and the floor, you can see feet rushing around, you can hear furniture being moved, you can hear things going on. You can’t see, but you know the stage manager is in control and is directing to make sure every person and every prop essential to that drama is in its place. I think that’s the day in which we’re living.” —Dwight Pentecost

—“Do I believe we are living in the season of the Lord’s return and if so, why? Yes, I say this because of what I call the ‘convergence factor.’ Not only has Israel come together as a nation again, as prophesied in Ezekiel 26–27, but a number of ancient prophecies of the end times seem to be converging in our day.” —Ron Rhodes

—“I felt like working three times as hard when I discovered that my Lord was returning again.” —D. L. Moody

—“To me, the rapture is a perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on my pillow without thinking that maybe before the morning breaks, the final morning will have dawned. I never begin my work without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own. This is now His words to all believing souls ‘til He come. We are not looking for death, he says, we are looking for Him.” —G. Campbell Morgan

—What was impact of the false teaching that Paul was trying to correct in his letter to the Thessalonians?

—How does Paul describe “the anti-christ” in his message to the Thessalonians in 2:1–12? How does this influence your personal thoughts and understanding about what the future holds?

—Why is it so urgent to believe the gospel today and what are the dangers of unbelief?

—Why is it important for us to understand the prophetic plans, promises, and purposes that God reveals to us?

—This teaching from Paul to the Thessalonian church mentions that “the anti-christ” will not be revealed until the “Restrainer” is taken out of the way. It’s commonly believed that the Restrainer is the presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling those who are “in the Church.” What does this suggest about the impact that the Church should have on our society? How would/should this relate to the way we conduct our lives?

—Here’s one final statement/quote that I found. “The Lord Jesus Christ not only saved us from Hell, but He also saved us from the Hell on Earth that will take place during the Great Tribulation.” —Pastor Billy Crone from the Sunrise Bible Church in Las Vegas, NV