

## Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — October 3, 2021

**Sermon Notes:** “Growing in Faith, Increasing in Love”, by Curt Deming, Teaching Pastor from Pastor [II Thessalonians 2:1-17](#). Old Testament Reading: [Amos 5:18-24](#); New Testament Reading: [Ephesians 6:10-18](#).

### What will we learn?

- The “Day of the Lord” (in the OT and NT) == 2nd Coming of Jesus (NT)
- Before Jesus returns, the Man of Lawlessness (Antichrist) will attempt to deceive.
- All the Trinity are involved in our salvation.
- Paul models kingdom-centered prayer.

### Main ideas of both letters:

- Triune God works to accomplish our salvation.
- Believers are appointed to salvation rather than wrath.
- Thessalonian church is a model for others.
- Our hope is based upon the return of Jesus.

### II Thessalonians setting:

- Timothy returned to Paul and Silas in Corinth with mixed news.
- The disruptive-idle in the church needed to be confronted.
- Some were confused about the timing of Christ’s return.
- They were facing increased persecution.

### II Thessalonians outline:

- Chapter 1– Revelations
- Chapter 2 - Rebellion
- Chapter 3 - Responsibility.

### What event is heralded as he “Day of the Lord?”

([Isaiah 13:6](#); [Amos 5:18-24](#); [Zephaniah 1:14-16](#); [I Corinthians 1:18](#); [Philippians 1:10](#); [I Thessalonians 5:1-4](#); [II Thessalonians 1:7-10](#))

### What are prerequisites before the Great Day of the Lord?

- Gospel is preached in the whole world. ([Matthew 24:14](#))
- The rebellion occurs. ([II Thessalonians 2:3](#))
- The man of lawlessness be revealed. ([II Thessalonians 2:3](#))

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Who is he that now holds back the lawless one? ([II Thessalonians 2:6](#))

What are characteristics of the revealed lawless one? ([II Thessalonians 2:5-12](#))

- Satanic origin
- Counterfeit miracles
- Deceptive.

Who are the elect of God? ([II Thessalonians 2:13-14](#))

- Those who are chosen by God the Father.
- Those who are sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- Those who believe in the truth.
- Those who will share in the glory of Jesus.

Now and until the last, what are we to do? ([II Thessalonians 2:15](#); [Ephesians 6](#))

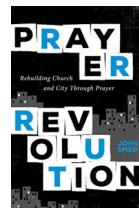
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- [II Thessalonians 1:11-12](#)
  
  
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Additional Notes:

Internet Resources:

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