

**Living in Light of Christ's Return
Knowing the Truth Will Clear Up Confusion
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (page 821)**

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Living in light of Christ's return means that:

- **I am not to be c o n f u s e d about the times (vs 1-2)**
 - √ "Day of the Lord" = the period of time p r o p h e s i e d in the Bible when G o d will deal d i r e c t l y with sin (Ps 2; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph 1:14-18; Zech 14:1-30; 2 Pet 3:10; Rev 6:17)
- **I am not to be d e c e i v e d by others (v 3-5)**

The Day of the Lord will not come until:

 - √ The r e b e l l i o n occurs (v 3a; 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:3-4)
 - √ The man of l a w l e s s n e s s is r e v e a l e d (v 3b-4; Rev 13:1-10; 17:3,8,16; 19:19-20; 20:10)
- **I am to remember that G o d is in c o n t r o l (v 6-8)**
 - √ W h o is this person who h o l d s b a c k the power of lawlessness?
 - √ The one who restrains is the H o l y S p i r i t (Gen 6:3; Job 1-2)
- **I am to discern t r u t h from e r r o r (v 9-12)**
 - √ Don't be f o o l e d by what you s e e, but stand on what you k n o w is t r u e (Matt 24:24; 2 Tim 3:8; 1 John 2:18)
 - √ Truth r e j e c t e d brings certain j u d g m e n t (Rom 1:18-32; Jude 14-15)

To think about....

Does knowing more about the return of Christ affect the way that I live my life today? Why or why not?

Will what I learned today cause me to be more aware or sensitive to opportunities to speak to others I know who need Jesus? Why or why not?

Who will I pray for this week to talk to about Jesus?