2 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Don't be fooled about the Second Coming of Christ. (2:1-8)

Theological Standings on the Second Coming of Christ: *descriptions in Austin's sermon notes online*

Pre-Millennial Dispensationalism

Post-Millennialism

Amillennialism

Historic Pre-Millennialism

Paul sets the record straight on two matters related to the Second Coming of Christ:

(1) Don't be fooled by those who claim Christ already returned—He Didn't! (2:1-2)

- -In Vs 1, What is one key evidence that must be present for the Second Coming to have taken place?
- -In Vs 2, What are some methods used to confuse believers about the Second Coming?
- -What methods/messages have you seen or heard that inaccurately portray the Second Coming?
- -What is Paul's advice to us related to the confusion? Cross-Reference 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

(2) Don't be fooled by the lawlessness and the Lawless one—Jesus Wins! (2:3-8)

- -What are some tactics Satan is currently using to set up the Rebellion and Lawlessness, of vss 3-4, in our day/society/culture?
- -If something is said to be Obviously Wrong, how does it deceive us?
- -What is the purpose of the Lawless One?
- -How will the time of Lawlessness, under the Anti-Christ, be different from today?
- -How will Jesus handle the Lawless One at the Second Coming?

Challenge: Lawlessness is already the reality of the lost world that says no to God and yes to ourselves. Where is <u>lawlessness</u> manifesting itself in your life? Claim the grace of Christ, confess your sin, and repent now while you have time to prosper in His life! (Proverbs 28:13, Mark 1:15, Romans 2:4)