

# Keeping Your Head For The Future

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

**MORE Christians have been Murdered in Recent Past than in the History of the church of Jesus Christ.**

**WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?**

**Christian Persecution is on the RISE & primarily from ISLAM.**

**“How do we Avoid Discouragement when the Future looks SO Scary?”**

- 1. DON'T BE DISMAYED, LOOK TO GOD'S WORD. (vv.1-2)**
  - The Word of God gives us **Fair Advanced Warning** & it doesn't need **Adjusting**, it just needs **Believing!** (1Thess. 4:15-17)
  - Some Thessalonians heard the **Rapture of God's people** had **Come & THEY Missed it.**
  - Don't let the enemy **Confuse you, Cause you Fear** or make you **Cast Doubt** on what you **Know** about the Lord's return...**Remind** yourself of what **GOD Says!**
  
- 2. DON'T BE DECEIVED, TRUST GOD'S PLAN. (vv.3-12)**
  - **Deception** is vital to **Satan's Success** against Christians today.
  - Many people **Believe** they're Christians, but they're **REALLY NOT.**
  - Jesus may be their **Savior**...everyone knows that, but He's **NOT** their **LORD.**
  - While Scripture says **TRUE Believers** will have **already been "Caught Up"** with the Lord, this **"Antichrist" WILL Deceive Billions of Lost People & Counterfeit Christians.**
  
- 3. DON'T BE DISTRACTED, SEEK GOD'S PURPOSE. (vv.13-17)**
  - God **Desires** that **WE SUBMIT** to His Spirit & **ALLOW** Him to **Set Us Apart** & make us **Holy.**
  - The **Power of God's Spirit** is **ALWAYS UNITED** with **Work of His Word.**
  - If you **Believe** God's Word, it's **Time** for you to **RESPOND...**
  
  - **Three Biblical RESPONSES toward Persecution:**
    1. BE **PATIENT** (James 5:7-8)
    2. BE **ENCOURAGED** (James 5:10-11)
    3. BE **GODLY** (2 Peter 3:10-12)