

A Firm Foundation

Sermon Series: 1 & 2 Thessalonians: Faith Over Affliction
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2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

*If you don't know God's Word, you don't know God.

I. Bad Theology

- A. Concerning the return of the Lord
- B. Bad theology had spread throughout the church
- C. Issue: Christ has already come (and they had missed it)
- D. Satan uses bad theology to distract and deceive

=>Bad Theology vs God's Word

II. God's Plan

- A. God's Word reveals truth over Satan's Lies
- B. The "man of lawlessness"
 - i. Son of destruction
 - ii. The rebellion (apostasy)
 - iii. Already as work but restrained
- C. Christ defeats (kills) the man of lawlessness
- D. Those who do not believe and pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned

=>Paul encouraging and warning at the same time similar to Mark Antony in Shakespear's *Julius Caesar*.

III. Firm Foundation

- A. God chose you
- B. Sanctified by the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth
- C. Comfort for the believers
 - i. Where a believer stands
 - ii. Where a believer is going
- D. Christ is the solid rock; all others are sinking sand.

IV. Live It Out

- A. Know where your Bible is
- B. Become familiar with your Bible
 - i. Books
 - ii. Layout
- C. Learn God's Word
 - i. Study through an entire book
 - ii. Memorize Scripture

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