

PAUL'S CLARIFICATION ON THE "COMING" OF THE LORD
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Present Persecution (chp 1)

II. Paul's CLARIFICATION Concerning the "COMING" of the Lord (2:1-2)

* What does the word "*now*" indicate?

A. Paul Makes A Personal Appeal ... "we _____ you brethren..." (2:1)

1. *Why* are they being appealed to?

"*coming*" (parousia)

• What does the "*coming* (parousia) of the Lord Jesus Christ refer to?

1) Christ coming _____ His Church, the Body of Christ, at the _____ (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:53; 2 Thess. 2:1; Rev. 3:10) and all that is included in that.

2) Christ coming _____ His saints, at the _____ (Rev. 19:11-16) to defeat His enemies & set up the Promised earthly Kingdom, also known as the Day of the Lord.

2. What aspect of His "*coming*" is in question here?

a. Our _____ to Him, which concerns the _____ (2:1),

b. The _____ of the Lord, which concerns the _____ (2:2)

• What does this indicate about Paul's teaching when he was there?

B. With Regards to Our _____ to Him (2:1)

1. It speaks of the _____ of every believer—the upward call at the _____ of the Church to heaven (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

1 Thess. 2:19

C. With Regards to the _____ (2:2)

D. The Aim of the Appeal (2:2a)

1. That they would not be soon _____ in mind

2. That they would not continue to be _____

- What was the *source* of their shaken troubled minds?

a. By _____

b. By _____

c. By _____

d. Paul's statement in verse 2 "*as if from us*" indicates all three sources as _____ or _____.

- What does God's word say about people who falsely testify just to spread discord?

- What are some *distinctions* between:

The Day of Christ

&

The Day of the Lord?

*What does all this mean to you?