



PAULINE
Epistles

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

Sanford church of Christ

Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

2 THESSALONIANS

WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST



Breakdown of the Letter:

- ▶ Chapter 1: Be Prepared for the coming Judgement Day!
- ▶ Chapter 2: Be Ready to Stand Against the Man of Lawlessness!
 - ▶ The Man of Lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 12)

How is the Man of Lawlessness described?

1. Called “the man of lawlessness”
2. Also called “the son of destruction”
3. His coming is preceded by a great rebellion (apostasy)
4. He opposes and exalts himself above all that is called god or worshiped
5. He takes his seat in the temple of God
6. He proclaims himself to be God
7. He is presently restrained
8. He will be revealed at the proper time
9. He works according to the activity of Satan
10. His coming is accompanied by false power, signs, and wonders
11. He uses wicked deception
12. He targets those who refuse to love the truth
13. God allows a strong delusion to accompany his work
14. Those who follow him believe what is false
15. His end is certain: destroyed by Christ

So, who is the Man of
Lawlessness?

Possibilities for the Man of Lawlessness

1. Collective Reference to the Roman Emperors
2. The Antichrist
3. Satan
4. Evil Personified
5. The Rise of the Roman Catholic Church