



Sunday 31st July

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 The Journey of The Chosen

A reminder of Sunday's BD message.....

The Thessalonian church had a real fear that they had 'missed out' on the 2nd coming of Christ due to false teaching that had taken root. Paul reminds them that something **MUST** take place before the return of Christ and that is the revealing of the Man of Lawlessness (antichrist).

Before Jesus returns a rebellion will take place—a worldwide rejection of God and His Gospel. At this time, a powerful leader will arise who will oppose all religion and set himself up as the one to be worshipped. Throughout history and even today, we've seen glimpses of this type of ruler (Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Hitler, Xi Jinping, Kim Jong Un). Allegiance is demanded and the population worship them. It's a historical and a present reality.

Paul tells us that lawlessness is already at work. Largely, our generation have turned their backs on God and the validity of God's law is no longer recognised (abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia etc is what the populace want). Lawlessness is on the rise—there is an active movement where authority is no longer recognised. And when a society descends into lawlessness, that society becomes ripe for a new leader to bring a new hope and stability—so will enter the antichrist.

When the antichrist comes, our job as Christians is to remain faithful to Jesus. Jesus will destroy the antichrist with the breath of His mouth and all of the evil inflicted will amount to nothing. For now, the antichrist is being restrained (through governing authorities and spiritual authorities). But there will come a time when the restraints are removed.

When the antichrist comes, many will be impressed by his signs and wonders. But not Christians—because we love the truth. We have nothing to fear—if we love Jesus and follow in the way of Christ, we will not be deluded. Today, we still have the opportunity to hear the truth of the gospel, repent of sin and be born again. We leave sin and unrighteousness behind and we live anew in Him! This is **THE TRUTH**.



KYB— July 26th 9:30am Catholic Church Hall

Men's Prayer Meeting— Wednesday 6am "Mywybilla"

July 2022 Service Dates

July	St.Margaret's Service	5pm
24th	Anglican Church Cecil Plains	
July	BD Service	9.30am
31st	Catholic Hall Cecil Plains	

Order of Service Sunday 31st July

Welcome, Opening Psalm & Prayer	Andrew & Monique
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	Justin & Sarah
Bible Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17	Ann
Message	The Journey of The Chosen
Communion	Bruce & Rhonda
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	David & Ruth
Fellowship Morning tea/Early Lunch	Bring and share finger food—early lunch

