

## ***1-2 Thessalonians: Living the Future Now***

### **“A Counterfeit Christ”**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-17**

*God never gives specific dates nor times for the return of Christ, but He does allow us to look into the future and see a panoramic view of what lies ahead. Paul, inspired by the Spirit, offers a glimpse of God’s victory and evil’s doom, inspiring courage, perseverance, and hope. The great value of the doctrine of the Second Coming is that it provides a guarantee that history is not random, but proceeding with purpose.*

#### **1. The Issue Identified (vv.1, 2)**

- **Did we miss the return of Jesus Christ?**

#### **2. The Error Corrected**

- **Devilish Deception (vv.3, 4)**
  
- **Divine Dominion (vv.5-8)**
  
- **Disastrous Delusion (vv.9-12)**

#### **3. The Future Described**

- **Providentially (vv.13, 14)**
  
- **Practically (v.15)**
  
- **Prayerfully (vv.16, 17)**