

# 2 Thessalonians 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

## Analysis

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**Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him**—erōtōmen (ἐρωτῶμεν, 'we ask/beseech') begins the letter's main burden. **By** (hyper, ὑπέρ, 'concerning/about') introduces the topic: **the coming** (parousias, παρουσίας, arrival/presence) of Christ and **our gathering together** (episynagōgēs, ἐπισυναγωγῆς, assembly/collection) to Him.

This references the rapture—believers caught up to meet Christ (1 Thess. 4:16-17). Paul will correct false teaching that this 'day of the Lord' had already occurred (v. 2). The church's reunion with Christ anchors Christian hope; confusion about its timing causes spiritual chaos. Paul grounds correction in pastoral gentleness—'brethren'—not harsh condemnation.

## Historical Context

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Some Thessalonians apparently received forged letters claiming Paul taught the day of the Lord had arrived. This created panic: had they missed the rapture? Were they in the tribulation? Paul writes to calm fears and expose the deception with clear prophetic teaching.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does confusion about Christ's return affect daily Christian living?
2. What false teachings about the end times have you encountered, and how did you test them?
3. Why does Paul connect doctrinal correction with pastoral tenderness ('brethren')?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐρωτῶμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς ἀδελφοί ὑπὲρ τῆς παρουσίας τοῦ  
we beseech Now you brethren by G3588 the coming G3588  
G2065 G1161 G5209 G80 G5228 G3952

κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ ἡμῶν ἐπισυναγωγῆς  
Lord by our Jesus Christ and by our gathering together G1997  
G2962 G2257 G2424 G5547 G2532 G2257

ἐπ' αὐτόν

unto him  
G1909 G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 13:27** (Parallel theme): And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

**Matthew 24:31** (Parallel theme): And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**1 Thessalonians 3:13** (References Jesus): To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

**Matthew 25:32** (Parallel theme): And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**1 Thessalonians 2:19** (References Jesus): For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

**2 Timothy 4:1** (References Jesus): I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

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