WHY do you say the Rapture has to take place before the Antichrist is revealed?

2Thessalonians 2: <u>5-11</u> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

<u>NIV</u> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

 6^* And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

<u>NIV</u> And now you know what is holding him back, (the Christians filled with the Holy Ghost & power with prayer and supplications) so that he may be revealed at the proper time. (after the rapture)

 $\underline{7}^*$ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

<u>NIV</u> For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back (the Holy Spirit) will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. (the Rapture of the Church)

<u>8</u>* And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

<u>NIV</u> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming. (second coming)

<u>9</u> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

<u>NIV</u> The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,

<u>11</u>* And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (Most TV shows now days you got a hard time telling the difference between the gift of the Word of Knowledge and these soothsayers or clairvoyants) The church has the mentality, if the world does it, so should we.

When you say on TV, God is healing somebody with a bad back, or neck problems, or hearing problems -- you have a 90% chance of talking to an individual with these symptoms and being right. You see, God never tells or reveals half truths, but is always specific. Don't get me wrong, there are people who's faith is cemented to believe God for this healing.

The point I'm trying to make is: if it is a vague description, it's probably of the flesh or a lying spirit.

If you know Jesus, you will not be deceived.

Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

2Timothy 3:13* But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

This is why it's so important to read and study the bible, to pray, to have fellowship with other christians, to put on the WHOLE ARMOUR of God.

Hebrews 10:25* Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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