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1. Interpret Scripture with Scripture.
2. Interpret the “less clear” in light of the “more clear”.
3. Once convinced, hold to your convictions with humility.

**Paul was clear in asserting that . . .**

1. Jesus will one day return and gather us to be with Him.

(II Thessalonians 2:1, I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

2. Some had become wrongly convinced that Christ had already returned.

(II Thessalonians 2:1b-2)

3. Jesus will not return until certain things have taken place. (II Thessalonians 2:3-10)

*For that day will not come, unless . . .*

a) *the rebellion comes first, and . . .*

b) *the man of lawlessness is revealed,*

4. In the end, Jesus wins. (II Thessalonians 2:8)

5. Any who perish, perish only because they refuse God’s gracious gift of salvation in Christ. (II Thessalonians 2:10)