

2 THESSALONIANS: AN OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION

I. The Reason For A Second Letter

A. The Thessalonian's _____

1. This letter was a _____ to the first letter to the Thessalonians.
 2. It seems evident that 2 Thessalonians was written to _____ Paul's teaching concerning the "Day of the Lord" teaching in 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6
- What is the Day of the Lord in reference to?

The Day of the Lord, as mentioned in 1 Thessalonians, as a _____ period of time when God will personally _____ in the affairs of men in _____ and _____.

Its Specifics...

Its Features...

What is the "Day of the Lord's" relationship to...

Its Conclusion...

3. False teaching, either through a _____ or a spurious _____ as from Paul, had begun to circulate stating the Thessalonians were _____ in the Day of the Lord!

B. Paul's Clarification (2 Thessalonians 2-3)

1. "*For that Day will not come* _____..." (2:3b)
2. Some *practical* lessons for us today:
 - a. When you are misunderstood & possibly misrepresented by others, it will be to your advantage to _____ the misunderstanding if possible.
 - b. The information you pass on must now be _____ & _____.
3. This false teaching produced two _____ that needed correcting:
 - a. Some were _____ in mind & _____ by this teaching (2:2a)
 - b. Others began to _____ their God given responsibilities to work & provide for their families. So instead of being productive Christians, they became idle _____ (3:10-11)

II. The General Content of This Letter

A. _____ In light of Their Persecution (chp 1)

Principle to glean from chapter one: Trials & opposition will _____ you spiritually when you respond in _____.

B. _____ Concerning the Day of the Lord (chp 2)

1. That Day will not come unless certain things happen first:

- the _____ happens to the church (2:3)
- the removal of the _____ (2:6-7)
- only then will the man of _____ be _____ (2:3b-5)
- the man of _____ will be energized by _____ himself (2:8-9)
- many will fall for him because they do not embrace the _____ (2:10)
- instead they will fall for “_____” of Satan (2:11-12)

2. Paul’s instruction to these saints in light of these things: _____ & _____ to the tradition you have been taught whether by _____ or this _____.

Principle to glean from chapter two: Only God’s _____ can keep you on track when faced with Satanic _____ & _____.

C. _____ to the Church In light of These Facts (chp 3)

1. He exhorts them to _____ when confusion exists! (3:1)
2. His exhortation reminds them that God is ever _____ to His people (3:3)
3. He exhorts them to _____ from those who walk _____ & then commands them to _____ godly examples on how to live a life pleasing to God. (3:6-7)
4. He exhorts them to not grow _____ in doing _____ (3:13)

Principle to glean from chapter three: While waiting for the Lord’s soon return, _____ the Lord God in your heart & by faith, _____ the words of this epistle!

III. The Introduction To This Epistle (1:1-2)

* Paul’s Salutation (1:1-2)

1. The *Apostolic team* who established this church are:
2. Who are the *recipients* of this letter?
3. The *salutation* & It’s significance: “_____ to you & _____”
4. The ultimate *source* of the letter: