

2 THESSALONIANS: AN OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION Pt 2

I. The Reason For A Second Letter

A. The Thessalonian's _____

1. 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 _____.

2. 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 _____ (2 Thessalonians 2-3)

1. "For that Day will not come _____" (2:3b)

2. The _____ of his eschatological teaching was _____ & is at the _____ of this second epistle!

3. This false teaching produced two _____ that needed correcting:

a. Some were _____ in mind & _____ by this teaching (2:2a)

a. 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. The Needed _____ In light of Their Persecution (chp 1)

- Where does spiritual encouragement come from?

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

B. An _____ 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 empowered by _____ himself (2:8-9)
- many will _____ because they did not have a _____ (2:10)
- instead, they will fall for... “ _____ ” of Satan (2:11-12)

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

*What does he mean by ... “word”?

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

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

1. He exhorts them to _____ when confusion exists! (3:1-2)
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: