

A Review of 2nd Thessalonians

Chapters 1 through 3

Living in Preparation of The Rapture

Chapter 1: Thanksgiving for Faith and Perseverance

- 1 **Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:**
- 2 **Grace to you and peace from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.** (Grace precedes Peace and both
Grace and Peace are from GOD THE FATHER and THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST.)
- 3 **We ought always to give thanks to God for you,
brethren, as is *only fitting*, (why) because your
faith is greatly enlarged, (Faith, unlike Spiritual Love is
not a force to be enlarged; the standard of measurement of
Faith before God is Faith the size of a mustard seed; what this
phrase refers to is you Trusted in JESUS CHRIST for Salvation
and now you Trust God the Holy Spirit (with Faith the size of a
mustard seed) in more and more areas of your life) **and** (as a
result) **the love** (Spiritual Love—Love from God the Holy
Spirit through New Spiritual creation)
(everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST in the Church Age**

can have a Love that has Spiritual impact) **of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;** (In magnitude; Love is a spiritual force that can be increased by continually walking in the Power of the Holy Spirit and growing in the Knowledge of the Word of God)

4 **therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you** (In verse 3 they thanked God for these believers; now they speak to others about them) **among the churches of God for your perseverance** (Being patient of persevering; in continuing to come to the study of the Word of God with respect to things or circumstances) **and faith** (Walking in a manner that is pleasing to God; that is, walking by Faith in the Holy Spirit, Trusting God in His Promise of *the Rapture*).

Now Paul describes the circumstances in which they persevere **in the midst of all your persecutions** from the Romans, from Jews, from the world and from Satan because of their faith in JESUS CHRIST and being followers of JESUS CHRIST **and afflictions** includes such things as hunger, poverty, loss of property, being imprisoned and loss of family and friends **which you endure**. Without wavering in their faith and growth in the Word of God and assembly with other believers.

Verses 5-12

Addresses the coming *Rapture* and The Coming Judgment

5 ***This is a plain indication*** (Giving proof) **of God's righteous judgment** (The issue is the Righteousness of God as per the 10 questions of Job. God is Love but God is also Perfect Righteousness and will judge all unrighteousness) **so that you will be** (future tense and verse 7 tells when this judgment takes place—) **considered worthy of the kingdom of God**, (By God Himself) **for which indeed you are suffering.** (Present tense—they now live in the Kingdom of God as do all believers in JESUS CHRIST in the Church Age. Everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is considered worthy of the Kingdom of God.)

Salvation has a minus (-) and a plus (+)...

- (-) Minus sins which JESUS CHRIST provided for everyone on the cross.**
- (+) Plus God's perfect righteousness which God imputes to everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.**

6 **For after all it is *only just*** (This is the same word translated Righteous in verse 5; demonstrating that all judgments by God are Righteous) **for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,** (Vengeance is the Lords, not ours)

7 **and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,** (Second Advent)

8 **dealing out retribution to those who do not know**

God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (Not obeying the Gospel is not to believe in Jesus as Savior.)

9 **These** (All who refuse to believe in JESUS CHRIST) **will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

10 **when He** (JESUS CHRIST) **comes** (Second Advent) **to be glorified in His saints on that day,** (This refers to believers who return with JESUS CHRIST to the earth at His Second Advent, this is a reference to believers of the Church Age) **and to be marveled at among all who have believed** (This refers to all who believe in JESUS CHRIST in The Tribulation)—**for our testimony** (teaching) **to you was believed.**

11 **To this end also we pray for you always, that our God** (GOD THE FATHER) **will count you worthy of your calling,** (and He will if you walk worthy of Him, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 2:12) **and fulfill every desire for goodness** (glorifies JESUS CHRIST) **and the work of faith** (the work of Faith is Spiritual Love) **with power,** (that is, the object of your Faith is in the Power of the Holy Spirit whose fruit is Spiritual Love.)

12 **so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.** (In Mercy we do not receive what we deserve, but in Grace we

receive what we do not deserve.)

Chapter 2

The Great Departure

VERSE 1 GOD'S PLAN

VERSE 2 SATAN'S PLAN

- 1 **Now we request you, brethren,** (Written to believers, this is not about the Gospel for salvation but about living in anticipation of *the Rapture*) **with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (Rapture) and our gathering together to Him,** (To Meet the Lord in the Air. Gathering together is another word for *Rapture*.)
- 2 that (we request you...that) **you not be quickly** (easily or quickly in time) **shaken from your composure** (your mindset on eschatology) **or be disturbed** (in your thinking or understanding) **either by a spirit** (demon) **or a message** (false teaching) **or a letter** (forgery) **as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.** (That they have missed *the Rapture* and are now living in The Tribulation. The phrase: DAY OF THE LORD is used in Old Testament and includes The Tribulation, the 2nd Advent, and the Millennial reign of JESUS CHRIST. There is so much false teaching on eschatology, you have to be on guard as to what you believe.)
- 3 **Let no one in any way deceive you,** (to lead you out of the right way of thinking and to lead you into error) **for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first,** (very

wrong and misleading: this should be) **unless the Departure comes first** (That is the departure of the Church from the earth; this is yet another word for *Rapture*: The Departure) **and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, the son of destruction,** (This is THE ANTI-CHRIST, of 1 John 2:22; THE DICTATOR OF THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE; THE BEAST of Revelation 13:1-10 ; and Revelation 11:7; THE LITTLE Horn of Daniel 7:8; or THE INSOLENT KING of Daniel 8:3 or THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME of Daniel 9:26; or THE WILLFUL KING of Daniel 11:36; THE MAN OF SIN 2 Thessalonians 2:3; THE SON OF DESTRUCTION 2 Thessalonians 2:3; THE LAWLESS ONE 2 Thessalonians 2:8.)

4 **who opposes** (he opposes God and JESUS CHRIST) **and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,** (in Jerusalem) **displaying himself as being God.** (seated in the Holy of Holies)

5 **Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?** (Prophecy)

6 **And you know what restrains him now,** (The presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling every believer throughout the world during the Church Age) **so that in his time** (after *the Rapture* of the Church) **he will be revealed.**

- 7 **For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains** (God the Holy Spirit) **will do so until he is taken out of the way.** (At *the Rapture* by the removal of all believers on earth)
- 8 **Then** (after The Departure of the Church and removal of the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit) **that lawless one** (SON OF DESTRUCTION) **will be revealed whom the Lord** (JESUS CHRIST) **will slay** (take away or remove) **with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;** (Second Advent)
- 9 **that is, the one whose coming** (THE MAN OF SIN, THE SON OF DESTRUCTION) **is in accord with the activity of Satan,** (Supernatural activity) **with all power** (supernatural) **and signs** (supernatural signs) **and false wonders,** (the signs and wonders are real but they are presented as being from the True God, which they are not, and in that sense they deceive the unbelieving world.)
- 10 **and** (continues the demonstration of the power and schemes of Satan to deceive the world in The Tribulation) **with** (along with) **all** (forms of) **the deception of wickedness** (wrong, this should be) **the deception of unrighteousness** (Unrighteousness always seek to present itself as being righteous) **for those** (not) **for those** (but) **in those who perish,** (destiny of all unbelievers for all eternity) **because** (why they will perish for all eternity) **they did not receive the love of the truth** (The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST) **so as** (for the purpose) **to be saved.** (For all

eternity)

- 11 **For this reason** (that they refused to receive the Love of the Gospel presented to them) **God will send** (in The Tribulation) **upon them a deluding influence** (a working that will delude them) **so that they will believe what is false,** (that which is opposed to the truth of the Gospel)
- 12 **in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth,** (It is not sins, for JESUS CHRIST took care of the sin problem on the cross, no, not sins but the sin of not believing in JESUS CHRIST) **but** (with the result that they) **took pleasure in wickedness. Or unrighteousness**
- 13 **But we should always give thanks to God for you,** (we should give thanks for One Another) **brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you** (God elected to save everyone who believes in His Son as Savior) **from the beginning for salvation through sanctification** (permanent sanctification for all eternity) **by the Spirit** (Holy Spirit) **and faith in the truth.** (Faith in JESUS CHRIST)
- 14 **It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 15 **So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the**

traditions (teaching) **which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.**

16 **Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,**

17 **comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.**

Chapter 3

Be strengthened in your Mind, Soul and Heart by the Word of God

1 **Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just *as it did also with you*;** (the Gospel is glorified by being proclaimed and) **received by believers**

2 **and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.** (not everyone will believe the gospel)

3 **But the Lord is faithful,** (Faithfulness of JESUS CHRIST is our confidence) **and He will strengthen** (By the Holy Spirit teaching you biblical truth) **and protect you from the evil *one*** (that is Satan)

4 **We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will *continue to do what***

we command.

5 **May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.**

6 **Now we command you,** (charge you, instruct you) **brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,** (by His authority) **that you keep away from every brother who leads** (walks) **an unruly life and not according to the tradition** (teaching) **which you received from us.** (Just because a believer lives an unruly, unchristian life does not mean they lose their Salvation)

7 **For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,**

8 **nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you;**

9 **not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.** (but working so as to judge others who are working)

10 **For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.**

11 **For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life,** (not according to the Bible teaching on

how a believer ought to walk so as to please God) **doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.** (Not working)

Verse 12 Get a job

- 12 **Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.**

Verse 13 Stand firm in the teaching of the Word of God

- 13 **But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.**

- 14 **If anyone does not obey our instruction** (teaching, there will always be believers who do not walk in a manner to please God) **in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.** (Here is the goal but not every believer can or will be brought to shame)

Attitude in Separation

- 15 **Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.** (Fellow believer) You can separate from an unruly believer and be at Peace

- 16 **Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace** (inner peace as a Fruit of the Holy Spirit) **in every circumstance.** (Even when you have to separate from another believer) **The Lord be with you all!**

- 17 **I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.**

18 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE
IS A LIFE THAT
GLORIFIES JESUS CHRIST
AND IS A LIFE OF
GRACE, LOVE (SPIRITUAL LOVE)
AND
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**Whatever we do,
We should do it
AS UNTO THE LORD!**

43 Lessons on living in preparation for the Rapture

- 1 Walk in a manner worthy of God [1 Thessalonians 2:12](#)
- 2 Stand firm in the Lord [1 Thessalonians 3:8](#)
- 3 Increase and abound in Spiritual Love for One Another [1 Thessalonians 3:12](#)
- 4 Receive Biblical Teaching on how you ought to walk please God
[1 Thessalonians 4:1](#)
- 5 That you abstain from sexual immorality [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)
- 6 Learn from the Word of God how to possess your body in
sanctification and honor [1 Thessalonians 4:4](#)
- 7 Do not be in lustful passion [1 Thessalonians 4:5](#)
- 8 That you do not transgress and defraud another believer
[1 Thessalonians 4:6](#)

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- 9 Love One Another (Spiritual Love) 1 Thessalonians 4:9
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- 10 Live a quiet life 1 Thessalonians 4:11
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- 11 Attend to your own business 1 Thessalonians 4:11
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- 12 Work for your own food and provisions 1 Thessalonians 4:11
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- 13 Behave properly toward outsiders Thessalonians 4:12
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- 14 Do not grieve at the death of a believer as those with no hope (unbelievers) 1 Thessalonians 4:13
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- 15 Comfort One Another with sound doctrine 1 Thessalonians 4:18
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- 16 Do not spend your life sleeping but remain alert in sound teaching 1 Thessalonians 5:6
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- 17 Be sober or inwardly spiritually alert 1 Thessalonians 5:8
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- 18 Encourage One Another and build up One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11
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- 19 Appreciate and highly esteem highly the Pastor Teachers who teach you sound doctrine 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
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- 20 Admonish the unruly 1 Thessalonians 5:14
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- 21 Encourage the fainthearted 1 Thessalonians 5:14
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- 22 Help the weak believer 1 Thessalonians 5:14
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- 23 Be patient with everyone 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (requires Filling of the Holy Spirit)
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- 24 Let no one repay another believer with evil for evil 1 Thessalonians 5:15
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- 25 Always seek after that which is good for One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:15
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- 26 Rejoice always 1 Thessalonians 5:16
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- 27 Pray without Ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:17
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- 28 In everything give thanks 1 Thessalonians 5:18
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- 29 Do not quench the Holy Spirit 1 Thessalonians 5:19
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- 30 Do not despise prophetic teaching 1 Thessalonians 5:20
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- 31 Examine all teaching and hold fast to that which is sound doctrine 1 Thessalonians 5:21
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- 32 Abstain from every form of evil 1 Thessalonians 5:22
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- 33 Greet all the brethren with a Holy Kiss 1 Thessalonians 5:26
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- 34 Read and study the Word of God 1 Thessalonians 5:27
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- 35 Stand firm and do not be quickly shaken from your sound doctrine 2 Thessalonians 2:2
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- 36 Do not be disturbed in your souls with teaching that counters the truth you have learned from the Word of God [2 Thessalonians 2:2](#)
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- 37 Let no one deceive you by false teachings [2 Thessalonians 2:3](#)
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- 38 Stand Firm and hold to sound teaching of the Word of God
[2 Thessalonians 2:15](#)
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- 39 Pray for others [2 Thessalonians 3:1](#)
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- 40 Keep Away from every believer who walks an unruly life
[2 Thessalonians 3:6 and verse 14](#)
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- 41 If one does not work, he does not eat [2 Thessalonians 3:10](#)
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- 42 Do not grow weary of doing good, in living the Spirit Filled Life
[2 Thessalonians 3:13](#)
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- 43 Do not regard another believer as an enemy but admonish him as a fellow believer in JESUS CHRIST [2 Thessalonians 3:15](#)
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