

SECOND THESSALONIANS

2 Thess. 1:1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church [royal family] of the Thessalonians [which is] in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ [positional truth].

2 Thess. 1:2 Grace to you and prosperity from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess. 1:3 We [Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy] are obligated [as super-abounding grace believers] to repeatedly thank [express gratitude] God concerning you, brethren [members of the royal family], whenever the occasion is fitting and proper, because your doctrine [familiarization, mental saturation, and application of the truth] is growing abundantly and your virtue love is increasing beyond measure [super-abundantly], each one of you all towards another of the same kind [fellow believers].

2 Thess. 1:4 So that as a result we ourselves [Paul's missionary team] boast about you [your spiritual momentum] in the assemblies of God [outside the geographical area of Thessalonica] concerning your longsuffering [patient endurance] and doctrinal application [utilization of other spiritual problem-solving devices] during all kinds of personal persecutions [outside pressures in life] and tribulations [sufferings] which you [personally, individually] are patiently enduring [suffering for blessing].

2 Thess. 1:5 *Which* [sufferings] *is* evidence of the righteous [accurate] evaluation of God [which determines blessings in time and for eternity], so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom [royal power] of God [super-abounding grace status], on behalf of which you are also suffering [to determine your variable status in the kingdom of God, the Millennium and eternity future],

2 Thess. 1:6 Since *it is* just in the judgment of God [divine policy] to return affliction [distress & suffering] to those [reversionists & unbelievers] who put pressure on [trouble, antagonize] you.

2 Thess. 1:7 And to you [positive believers] who are receiving unjust pressure [distress & persecution], *be* relaxed with us [Paul, Silvanus & Timothy] in the future revelation [at the 2nd Advent] of the Lord Jesus from heaven accompanied by His mighty angels [anticipating the strategic victory in the angelic conflict],

2 Thess. 1:8 In the sphere of a flaming fire [baptism of fire: burning of the tares], inflicting punishment [eternal] upon those [unbelievers] who did not know God in the past with the result that they continued not to know at that time, i.e., who did not accept the gospel of our Lord Jesus,

2 Thess. 1:9 Who will suffer punishment, eternal [perpetual] agony away from the face of the Lord [outer darkness] and away from the glory [shared happiness] of His inner power,

2 Thess. 1:10 When He shall return to be glorified [honored] by His saints [during the millennium] and to be admired by all those who believed in that day [during the tribulation]. Because our testimony was believed by you [Thessalonian believers],

2 Thess. 1:11 For that reason [out of responsibility for your spiritual welfare] we also continue to pray on every occasion concerning you, that our God may consider you worthy [due to the doctrine in your soul] of your calling [positional truth: election] and might fill up *your* deficiency [experiential truth] with every beneficial thing [categorical doctrines that you need to advance to the next stage of the spiritual life], generously and doctrinally produced in the sphere of [divine] power,

2 Thess. 1:12 In order that the character [nature, person] of our Lord Jesus might be glorified in you [by your super-abounding grace status], and you in it [residence and function inside the sphere of divine power], according to the grace [norms, standards and mechanics] of our God, even the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess. 2:1 Now, I am urgently requesting you, brethren [members of the royal family], concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [at the rapture] and our assembling [gathered together in the air] around Him,

2 Thess. 2:2 That you stop being so quickly agitated [hypersensitive due to reactor factors] from the source of your thinking [wrong understanding] nor be alarmed [emotionally upset], neither by [demonic] spirit nor by [false] doctrine nor by [forged] letter alleged *to be* from us, on the pretext that the Day of the Lord [emphasis on the tribulation] has arrived and is in progress at this very moment.

2 Thess. 2:3 Do not allow anyone to deceive you, not under any circumstances [demon spirits, false doctrine, forged letter, etc.], because [the Day of the Lord will not come] not until the rebellion has come first [general apostasy of the church] and the man of lawlessness [personification of wickedness: the Antichrist], the son of perdition [indwelled by Satan, destined for hell], has finally been revealed,

2 Thess. 2:4 Who opposes [as an enemy] and exalts himself [with presumptuous pride] above everything declared and maintained according to God [divine viewpoint], with the result that he displays [exhibits] himself as an object of worship in the [Tribulation] temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God [presents himself as the Messiah].

2 Thess. 2:5 Don't you remember that when I was still face-to-face with you, I taught you these things [eschatological doctrines]?

2 Thess. 2:6 Therefore, now you should know beyond a shadow of a doubt [due to the repetitive nature of Paul's teaching] the reason why it [the rapture] is continuing to hold back: so that he [the Antichrist] might be revealed in his own appointed time [at the close of the Church Age].

2 Thess. 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness [intensification of rebellion and iniquity at the end of the Church Age] is already operating [working powerfully in this dispensation]. He alone [the Holy Spirit] is restraining [lawlessness] at the present time and will continue to restrain [lawlessness] until He removes Himself from the midst [of the world].

2 Thess. 2:8 And at that time [after the rapture and the removal of the Holy Spirit], the lawless one [the Antichrist] shall be revealed, who the Lord Jesus shall consume [put to death] by the breath [Word] of His mouth and shall destroy [dethrone his powers of evil and lawlessness] by the sudden appearance of His coming [at the 2nd advent],

2 Thess. 2:9 Whose coming [appearance of the Antichrist on earth] is according to the operating power of Satan in the sphere of every type of supernatural miracle [occult] and demonic signs [significance] and counterfeit wonders [events],

2 Thess. 2:10 And in the sphere of every kind of wicked deception [spiritual delusion] towards those [tribulation saints] who are destroying themselves [ruining their spiritual life after justification], against those who did not welcome the love of the truth [Bible doctrine] with the result that they might be spiritually delivered [sanctification-salvation].

2 Thess. 2:11 And because of this [rejection of doctrine], God will send them a powerful delusion with the result that they will believe his [the Antichrist's] lie [false teaching],

2 Thess. 2:12 In order that everyone is judged who did not believe the truth [Bible doctrine] but instead took delight in wickedness.

2 Thess. 2:13 But as for us [Paul, Silvanus and Timothy], we are obligated to continually thank God always concerning you, brethren [Church Age believers] who are loved by the Lord, because God chose [election] you [Thessalonian believers] as firstfruits [first generation of Church Age believers] for the purpose of salvation [to teach later generations of Church Age believers experiential truth] by means of the sanctification [indwelling and filling] of the Spirit and faithfulness toward the truth [Bible doctrine],

2 Thess. 2:14 Into which [sanctification-salvation by the filling of the Spirit and faithfulness to the truth] He called you [by divine election] through our [the apostle's] good news [gospel preaching], with reference to the possession [obtaining] of the glory [resurrection life] of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thess. 2:15 Consequently [since they are not living in the tribulation], therefore [they need to change the protocol they are living by], brethren [reminding them they are Church Age believers], stand fast under pressure and hold fast to the categories of doctrine [discipline and teaching] which you were taught either by word [orally] or by our letter [non-face-to-face writing].

2 Thess. 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and gave *us* eternal encouragement and perfect confidence in the sphere of grace [kindness and mercy],

2 Thess. 2:17 Comfort the mentality of your souls and stabilize *them* in the sphere of all spiritual production [ambassadorship function] and beneficial doctrine [priestly function].

2 Thess. 3:1 Finally, brethren [members of the royal family], keep on praying for us [Paul, Silvanus & Timothy], so that the Word of the Lord [Bible doctrine] might continue to make progress [enable the communicators to charge forward into the spiritual battle] and keep on being glorified [honored in the hearer's spiritual life] even as *it has* with you,

2 Thess. 3:2 And that we may be delivered from dangerous [reversionistic believers] and evil [wicked unbelievers] men, since doctrine is not *correctly understood or applied* by everyone.

2 Thess. 3:3 But the Lord is faithful [dependable], Who shall stabilize and protect you [through Bible doctrine] from the evil one [Satan].

2 Thess. 3:4 Moreover, we have confidence in the Lord regarding you, that you will both do and continue to do that [application of Bible doctrine] which we have repeatedly instructed [strict orders for living the spiritual life].

2 Thess. 3:5 And may the Lord [Holy Spirit] direct [guide into correct application] the mentality of your souls into the virtue love of God [the Father] and into the patient endurance of Christ [two important problem-solving devices].

2 Thess. 3:6 Now, we command you, brethren [members of the royal family], in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ [appealing to divine authority], that you withdraw yourself [separate mentally or physically] from every brother [Christian] who makes it a habit to walk idly and unruly [reversionism] and not according to the systematic theology [doctrinal teachings] which you received from us.

2 Thess. 3:7 For you yourselves know how advantageous it is to follow our example, because we did not behave inappropriately among you [abusing our authority by taking your hard-earned money],

2 Thess. 3:8 Neither did we eat anyone's bread without paying [we weren't moochers], but instead we worked in weariness and hardship night and day, so that we would not be a burden on any of you [weigh you down financially],

2 Thess. 3:9 Not because we don't have the authority [we have the right to collect a grace offering for our work], but so that we might give ourselves to you as an example [pattern] for you to follow [imitate].

2 Thess. 3:10 For even when we were with you face-to-face, we gave strict orders to you, that if anyone [believer] did not want to work for a living [refused to obtain and hold down a job], let him not even eat [maybe starvation will encourage him to get a job].

2 Thess. 3:11 For we hear now and then that some [fellow believers] are walking among you in a lazy and unruly manner, not working for a living [thumbing their nose at customary life], but are busy at doing nothing [sponging off others and interfering with their business].

2 Thess. 3:12 Now to those who are of this type [lazy and unruly believers], we give strict orders as well as encouragement in the Lord Jesus Christ [authority orientation], that they work for a living with quietness [resume their disciplined, routine life in virtue love], with the result that they are eating their own bread [no longer a burden on family and friends].

2 Thess. 3:13 But, *as for* you, brethren [hard-working, charitable believers], do not become discouraged by doing what is honorable in life [work is your full-time Christian service and potential mission field].

2 Thess. 3:14 Moreover, if anyone does not obey our doctrine [rejects apostolic authority] through this letter [which eventually becomes part of the canon of Scripture], take special note of [mark as a troublemaker] and do not associate [socialize] with him, in order that he might become ashamed [change his direction in life].

2 Thess. 3:15 However, do not consider *him* [the lazy and unruly believer] as an enemy, but admonish *him* [with doctrinal rationales] as a brother [fellow Christian].

2 Thess. 3:16 Now, may the Lord of peace [tranquility] Himself give you that peace through all [doctrine] in every circumstance. May the Lord *be* with you all.

2 Thess. 3:17 This greeting *is* by my hand, Paul, which is *my* official signature on every letter [compare it to the forged signatures you have seen]. I am in the habit of writing in this manner [dictating the rest to an amanuensis].

2 Thess. 3:18 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.