



# Outline on 2 Thessalonians

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"The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ"

## Introduction (1:1-2):

- I. Writers and ones addressed
  - A. Paul and Silvanus and Timothy
  - B. Addressed to the church of the Thessalonians
- II. Greetings
  - A. Grace and peace
  - B. From God and Jesus Christ

## Discussion:

- I. The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and persecution (1:3-12)
  - A. Writers give thanks to God
    1. Thessalonians' faith was growing exceedingly
    2. Love toward each other abounded (v.3)
  - B. Writers spoke proudly of them
    1. For their patience and faith in the midst of persecutions and tribulations (v.4)
    2. This worked for their good – that they might be considered worthy of the kingdom (v.5)
  - C. God will recompense the persecutors
    1. This a righteous thing (v.6)
    2. This will take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
      - a. Jesus will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire (v.7)
      - b. Will take vengeance on
        - 1) Those who know not God
        - 2) Those who do not obey (v.8)
      - c. These will be punished with everlasting destruction
        - 1) From presence of the Lord
        - 2) From the glory of His power (v.9)
  - D. At that coming, Jesus will be glorified in His saints (v.10)
    1. Will be admired in all them that believe
    2. Apostles' testimony was believed
  - E. Paul's prayer (vv.11-12)
    1. That God would count you worthy of this calling
    2. Fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power
    3. That the name of Christ might be glorified in the Thessalonians
- II. An apostasy to precede the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (2:1-17)
  - A. Beware of false teaching (vv.1-2)
    1. Don't be shaken in mind or troubled
    2. By spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us that the day of the Lord is at hand
  - B. Things which must precede the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
    1. Falling away (v.3)
    2. Revealing of the man of sin (v.4)
      - a. Son of perdition
      - b. Opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God
      - c. Sits in God's temple
      - d. Displays himself as being God
      - e. He is restrained from being revealed at this time (v.6)
      - f. The mystery of lawlessness is already at work (v.7)
      - g. The restraining force will be removed and the lawless one will be revealed (v.8)
      - h. The Lord will destroy the lawless one at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

- i. The man of sin's coming: (vv.9-10)
        - 1) is after the working of Satan (they are in accord)
        - 2) With power, signs and lying wonders
        - 3) With all deception of wickedness
      - j. Those who follow the man of sin will do so because of a lack of love for the truth (v.10)
        - 1) God will send them a strong delusion
        - 2) That they might believe a lie and be damned (v.12)
  - C. Believers' destiny in contrast (2:13-17)
    - 1. Chosen by God to salvation
      - a. Through sanctification of the Spirit
      - b. Belief of the truth
    - 2. Called by God
      - a. By the gospel
      - b. To the obtaining of glory
    - 3. Admonition
      - a. Stand fast
      - b. Hold to the traditions (whether taught by:)
        - 1) Word (of mouth)
        - 2) Letter from us
    - 4. Request
      - a. That God comfort your hearts
      - b. Establish you in every good word and work
- III. Practical admonitions in view of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (3:1-15)
- A. Pray for us (vv.1-2)
    - 1. That the word may have free course and be glorified
    - 2. That we may be delivered from wicked men
  - B. Thessalonians needed hope and endurance
    - 1. Lord will establish you and keep you from evil (v.3)
    - 2. Writer confident of their obedience (v.4)
    - 3. Lord would direct their hearts:
      - a. Into the love of God
      - b. Patient waiting for Christ (v.5)
  - C. Teaching concerning withdrawing fellowship (vv.6-15)
    - 1. Withdraw from every brother who:
      - a. Walks disorderly (leads an unruly life)
      - b. Does not heed the apostolic teaching (v.6)
    - 2. Paul's conduct among them was a pattern (vv.7-9)
      - a. Did not behave disorderly
      - b. Did not eat another man's bread without paying for it
      - c. Worked day and night
        - 1) Not because they did not have the right to support
        - 2) But to make themselves an example
    - 3. Laziness not to be encouraged (vv.10-13)
      - a. No work – no eat
      - b. Some Thessalonian Christians:
        - 1) Were lazy – would not work
        - 2) Were busybodies
      - c. Such were commanded:
        - 1) Work in quietness
        - 2) Eat their own bread
      - d. Other Thessalonians not to be weary in well-doing

4. The how of the withdrawing (vv.14-15)
  - a. Note the offender (the disobedient man)
  - b. Have no company with him
  - c. Do not count him as an enemy – exhort as a brother
  - d. Purpose – that he may be ashamed

Conclusion: (3:16-18)

- I. Prayer
  - A. Lord of peace give you peace
  - B. The Lord be with you all
- II. Paul's personal signature
- III. Benediction – the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

# Questions on 2 Thessalonians 1

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## TRUE / FALSE:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said it was “*meet*” to give God thanks for these brethren.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ They were counted worthy of the kingdom of God because of what they suffered.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Both the righteous and the wicked will be rewarded the same day.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul did not glory in the churches because of these brethren.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ This letter was addressed to the church of the Thessalonians.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord Jesus will be revealed from hell with mighty angels in flaming fire.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The punishment of the wicked will be in the “*presence of the Lord.*”
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ was to be glorified in them and not they in Him.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Thessalonians was written about three years after 1 Thessalonians.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Both epistles deal with issues concerning the final coming of Christ.

## FILL IN THE BLANKS:

11. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ join Paul in writing this epistle.
12. Paul said, “*we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ in you.*”
13. The Thessalonians had to \_\_\_\_\_ tribulations.
14. The wicked shall be punished with \_\_\_\_\_.
15. “*Because our testimony among you was \_\_\_\_\_.*”
16. “*Wherefore also we \_\_\_\_\_ for you.*”
17. “*That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be \_\_\_\_\_ in you.*”
18. Paul prayed that Christ might be glorified in them according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
19. “*In flaming fire taking \_\_\_\_\_ on them that \_\_\_\_\_ not God.*”
20. Paul said “*rest*” would be recompensed to the “*with \_\_\_\_\_.*”

## MATCH:

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 21. _____ Faith                    | A. With His mighty angels        |
| 22. _____ Charity                  | B. Of this calling               |
| 23. _____ Your patience and faith  | C. Aboundeth                     |
| 24. _____ Manifest token           | D. To recompense tribulation     |
| 25. _____ Revealed from heaven     | E. Groweth exceedingly           |
| 26. _____ Know not God             | F. Glorified in His saints       |
| 27. _____ The presence of the Lord | G. The glory of His power        |
| 28. _____ When He shall come       | H. Persecutions and tribulations |
| 29. _____ Count you worthy         | I. Obey not the gospel           |
| 30. _____ Righteous thing          | J. Righteous judgment of God     |

## QUESTIONS:

31. Give the time and place of the writing of this epistle?
32. Name the things that caused Paul to give thanks for these brethren.
33. With what did Paul say God would recompense their troublers?
34. With what were they to be recompensed?
35. When will all be recompensed?
36. Upon whom will God take vengeance?
37. With what will God take vengeance?
38. Will believers look with admiration upon Jesus when He come?
39. Will the reward of the righteous and the wicked be equal in duration?
40. Name the things Paul prayed for in their behalf?

# Questions on 2 Thessalonians 2

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## MATCH:

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. _____  | Witholdeth                        | A. Brightness of his coming |
| 2. _____  | He as God sitteth                 | B. Revealed in his time     |
| 3. _____  | Will let (restrain)               | C. Hold the traditions      |
| 4. _____  | The Lord shall consume            | D. Be damned                |
| 5. _____  | Shall destroy                     | E. In them that perish      |
| 6. _____  | Deceivableness of unrighteousness | F. Your hearts              |
| 7. _____  | God shall send                    | G. Strong delusion          |
| 8. _____  | Believe a lie                     | H. The spirit of his mouth  |
| 9. _____  | Stand fast                        | I. In the temple of God     |
| 10. _____ | Comfort                           | J. Taken out of the way     |

## TRUE / FALSE:

11. \_\_\_\_\_ The “*man of sin*” would show “*himself that he is God.*”
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said “*the mystery of iniquity*” was not yet at work.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said those involved in apostasy loved the truth.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Those who received the “*strong delusion*” had pleasure in unrighteousness.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul prayed that Christ would stablish them in every good word and work.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ This chapter concerns the final coming of the Lord.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said the “*man of sin*” would exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul taught that we ought to stand fast in the traditions of men.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ We are called to obtain the glory of Christ.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ God sends a “*strong delusion*” to some.

## FILL IN THE BLANKS:

21. “*The man of sin*” is called “\_\_\_\_\_.”
22. “*The man of sin*” would show \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
23. We are bound to give \_\_\_\_\_ to God for you.
24. Paul said they were called by \_\_\_\_\_.
25. They were to hold traditions taught by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
26. “*God... hath \_\_\_\_\_ us, and hath given us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through grace.*”
27. “*Let no man deceive you by \_\_\_\_\_.*”
28. “*That day shall not come, except there come a \_\_\_\_\_ first.*”
29. The “*man of sin*” would be after the working of \_\_\_\_\_.
30. “*God hath from the \_\_\_\_\_ chosen you to salvation...*”

## QUESTIONS:

31. What misunderstanding did Paul seek to correct in this chapter?
32. Does Paul indicate the source of his misunderstanding? Explain:
33. Does Paul predict an apostasy in this chapter?
34. Identify the characteristics of the “*man of sin.*”
35. Had Paul formerly warned them of an apostasy? When?
36. Name three things by which they were not to be troubled?
37. When was the “*man of sin*” to be revealed?
38. What did Paul say would be the ultimate end of “*that wicked*” one?
39. Why were some to be involved in apostasy?
40. By what means were they chosen to salvation?

# Questions on 2 Thessalonians 3

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## QUESTIONS:

1. For whom did Paul request their prayers?
2. Paul's request for prayer involved what things in particular?
3. Do we need the prayers of fellow Christians today?
4. In whom did Paul express confidence?
5. In which verses do we find Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians?
6. Define the word "disorderly."
7. What "disorderly" things were found among the Thessalonians?
8. In what particular matter was Paul an example to the Thessalonians?
9. In what way is a withdrawn from brother to be treated?
10. What is the meaning of "among you" in verse 11?

## TRUE / FALSE:

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul was confident of their obedience.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's charge (remuneration) to the Thessalonians was very reasonable.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ The purpose of any withdrawal is to render just punishment upon the guilty.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said we should help every man in need.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible teaches that Christians should be industrious.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul had heard that some among them walked disorderly.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul said that he knew some had become weary in well doing.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ The disorderly conduct was probably caused by a misconception of the final coming of Christ.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul always signed his epistles in his own handwriting.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul always wrote his epistles in his own handwriting.

## MATCH:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 21. _____ Free course (run)      | A. We commanded you            |
| 22. _____ Delivered from         | B. Withdraw yourselves         |
| 23. _____ All men have not faith | C. The Lord is faithful        |
| 24. _____ Command you            | D. Glorified                   |
| 25. _____ Tradition              | E. Busybodies                  |
| 26. _____ Behaved not            | F. Received of us              |
| 27. _____ labour and travail     | G. Note that man               |
| 28. _____ When we were with you  | H. Unreasonable and wicked men |
| 29. _____ Working not at all     | I. Disorderly among you        |
| 30. _____ If any man obey not    | J. Night and day               |

## FILL IN THE BLANKS:

31. "But the Lord is faithful, who shall \_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_ you from evil."
32. "The Lord direct your hearts into the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and into the \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ."
33. "Neither did we eat any man's bread for \_\_\_\_\_."
34. "Not because we have not \_\_\_\_\_."
35. "... we command..., that with \_\_\_\_\_ they work, and eat their own \_\_\_\_\_."
36. "Have no \_\_\_\_\_ with him, that he may be ashamed."
37. "Yet count him not as an \_\_\_\_\_."
38. "... but admonish him as a \_\_\_\_\_."
39. "Now we command you... in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord..., that ye withdraw yourselves..."
40. "Finally, brethren \_\_\_\_\_."