

# 1 Thessalonians : 2 Thessalonians

## 1 – 1 Thessalonians 1—Faith, Love, Hope

Note: work produced by faith; labor prompted by love, endurance inspired by hope – all in our Lord Jesus Christ! What do we know about the Thessalonians from v.4-10? How can the “Gospel come to you” with more than words (v.5)? How can we be a “model to all the believers” (v.7)?

## 2 – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16—Not Man-Pleasers

Does opposition hurt the proclamation of the Gospel or promote it? Why is this? Why do we so often try to “please men” (v.4)? How would our lives and witness be different if we are not “looking for praise from men”(v.6)? How is mother-hood a good example of sharing the Gospel? How is father-hood also? What does it mean to “heap up their sins to the limit” (v.16)? How do you keep this from happening to you?

## 3 – 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13—Longing To See You

How were the Christians “glory and joy” (2:19)? How was Paul “encouraged about his readers because of their faith” (3:7)? What would Paul “supply which was lacking in their faith” (v.10)?

## 4 – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12—Live A Godly Life

How might it be dangerous to talk about “living to please God” (v.1)? But in context, what is “God’s will”? What practical instructions does Paul write? What is the ultimate purpose of living this way? (v.12)

## 5 – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—Comfort In Grief

What happens when a Christian dies? How is the death of a Christian like “falling asleep”? What do we know about what Judgment Day will be like? The “rapture” was popular because of Tim LaHaye and other writers – with a lot of false information. What does v.17 teach us about the “rapture”?

## 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5—Encourage One Another

What kind of “sleep” is Paul writing about in this chapter? Note the “encourage one another” in v.11 with the last chapter, 4:18. Why would they need encouragement? Why do we need it today? How is “the Spirit’s fire” extinguished (v.19)? What can be done to prevent this? How can we “test everything” (v.21)? Paul “put them under oath” to read this letter to the believers – does this still apply to Christians today? If so, how can we carry it out?

## 7 – 2 Thessalonians 1—Counted Worthy

How is “God’s judgment right” (v.5)? How are we “counted worthy” (v.5 and 11)? What is the two-fold message of “God is just” (v.6-7)? What good reminders are there in v.11 as we pray for one another?

## 8 – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12—Do Not Be Deceived

What do we know about “the man of lawlessness” (v.3-4, 9-10)? Does this sound like anything happening today? Verses 1-12 speak of “the truth” and “believe the lie” – what are some of these “delusions” in our world today? What is the promise in these verses?

## 9 – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5—Persevere & Pray

What is the only way we are able today to “stand firm and hold to the teachings passed on” (v.15, also 3:5)? What direction for our prayers does Paul write? What encouragement in prayer does Paul also write (3:1-5)?

## 10 – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18—Against Idleness

Why does Paul write “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ”? When can we / should we speak the same way? What does it mean to “keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us” (v.6, see also v.14-15)? How does this apply today, especially in the areas of family, marriage, life-style, work ethics, etc.? What’s the difference between treating someone as an “enemy” and “a brother”?