

2 THESSALONIANS: STABLISHED

Outline of 2 Thessalonians

Salutation 1:1-2

Chapt 1: THE _____ OF CHRIST'S RETURN

Chapt 2: A _____ REGARDING THE TIMING OF CHRIST'S RETURN

Chapt 3: THE _____ IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN

Benediction and Signature 3:16-18.

Background to the study.

1. WHO: Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus. Vs 1

- Authorship?
- Arrival.

2. WHEN: Date – _____. Remember: Why the early date?

- The believers had been comforted by the words of Paul in his first epistle regarding resurrection.
- Since then, false teaching in the form of a letter claiming to be from Paul had emerged. **2:2**
- False teaching was creeping into the church and they were being deceived into believing they had missed the rapture of the church.
- In 2 Thess 3:6-15, there were some that believed that they were at liberty to live disorderly.
- 1:2 - The lesson: the grace of God must come before the peace of God.
- **Key Verse (vs 3) Key Passage: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5**
- **Theme: Stablished!**

Chapter 1: The COMFORT over Christ's _____.

1. Greeting 1:1-2

2. Consolation: _____ of suffering. 1:3

- True disciples of Christ grow in faith _____ persecution.
- Spiritual attack also provokes believers to grow in their love for one another. **1 John 3:16**
- Paul was BOUND to pray over the ABOUNDING in his disciples!

FAITH: Get this down: Faith gets _____ when you are _____ your ability.

LOVE: Get this down: Persecution _____ your _____.

A body of believers despised by the world will come to see what God does.

What the world despises, God loves.

God's children are worthy of laying down to love. **John 15:17-19; Romans 12:9; 1 Peter 1:22**

3. Glory: The _____ of suffering. 1:4-5

- The reality: Biblical believers suffer unjust persecution.
The KEY: Allow the trial to perfect patience and faith. *This is revealed how? Vs 4.*
Vs 4 shows that it's thru ENDUREING persecution (plural) and tribulation (plural!)

Romans 5:1-5 compare **Psalm 23**.

What is God doing thru this allowance of suffering in life?

- KEY: We are being _____! **Romans 8:28-39**

In trial, know you are following Jesus' example. **Luke 24:26; Hebrews 2:9-10; 1 Peter 4:13-16; 5:10**