

II THESSALONIANS 1

vs. 1-12:

Paul begins this, his second letter to the church at Thessalonica, with praise. He informs them of his thankfulness for their ever growing faithfulness and love; and how he uses their example for other churches of perseverance in spite of persecution.

He reminds them that they will be rewarded by God for their faithfulness. Those who refuse to accept Christ and/or refuse to obey Him will face everlasting destruction when Christ returns.

Paul prays that the Thessalonians will remain faithful and be found acceptable when Christ returns so that Jesus might be glorified in and through them.

II THESSALONIANS 2

vs. 1-12:

The Thessalonians had received a letter, reportedly from Paul, that said the second coming of Christ had already taken place. Paul reassures them that this is not the case. To support his statement, he reminds them of the coming of the man of lawlessness who would oppose God and try to take His place. This man of lawlessness comes from Satan and will perform all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders and deceive people so that they perish. The only escape is by loving the truth. Those who insist on refusing the love of God, will be given over and deluded.

vs. 13-17:

Paul was convinced that the Thessalonian Christians would be saved through the work of the Holy Spirit and their faith in God's message of truth. He encourages them to stand firm on the truth. God had given them the hope in Jesus Christ because of His love and Paul knows that God will strengthen His people beside. He prays that God will help them to endure.

II THESSALONIANS 3

vs. 1- 5:

Paul asks for prayer concerning the spreading of the gospel and for deliverance from wicked people. Paul reminds them that God is more powerful than Satan. He reassures them that he is confident that they are faithful and growing in faithfulness and love.

vs. 6-15:

Paul warns them against idleness and their responsibility for going out and earning a living. He tells them to look at his example. Those that refuse to accept the message are not to be associated with and warned as a brother.

vs. 16-18:

Paul closes, praying that they will enjoy the peace that comes from knowing God. His closing notation is re-assurance that the letter did come from him and was not a counterfeit (like the one false letter they had received).

STUDY GUIDE

II THESSALONIANS 1

1. What was growing more and more, which Paul was thankful of?
2. Towards whom, was their love increasing?
3. What of the Thessalonians, did Paul boast about?
4. For what were they suffering?
5. To whom would God pay back trouble?
6. When would God send relief?
7. Who, according to verse 8, will be punished?
8. How will they be punished?
9. From what will they be shut out from?
10. In whom, will Jesus be glorified?
11. What did Paul pray, that God would fulfill?
12. What did Paul hope would be accomplished, if these things were fulfilled?

BONUS:

1. What does Paul mean by, "your faith is growing more and more"?
Paul had taught.
2. Why will God eternally punish people?
3. How do we glorify Christ?

STUDY GUIDE

II THESSALONIANS 2:

1. What comes before the day of the Lord?
2. What will the man of lawlessness do, in regard to God?
3. What is already at work?
4. How will Jesus destroy the man of lawlessness?
5. What will the coming of the lawless one, be in accordance with?
6. How will the coming of the lawless one be displayed?
7. Why will people perish?
8. Who will believe the lie?
9. How were the Thessalonians, saved?
10. What were they to hold on to?
11. What did God and Jesus do by grace?
12. How did Paul want them to be strengthened?

BONUS:

1. Do you think the lawless one has come? Explain.
2. Does God deliberately allow some people to get entangled in a sinful life? Explain.
3. How are we saved?

Study Guide

II THESSALONIANS 3:

1. What did Paul want them to pray for regarding the message of the Lord?
2. Who did Paul seek to be delivered from?
3. Who will the Lord protect us from?
4. What did Paul want their hearts to be directed into?
5. Who were they to keep away from?
6. Why did Paul work day and night?
7. What "rule" did Paul give them?
8. What does Paul say about the "idle", in vs. 11?
9. What were they to never tire of?
10. Who were they to take special note of?
11. How were they to treat this person?
12. How were they to regard him?

BONUS

1. Why should we pray for evangelism?
2. Do we face "idle" people today?
3. How are we to treat those who refuse to accept God's message?