

2 Thessalonians 2 – Part 1

5/27/26

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - 2 Thessalonians is considered a clarification of 1 Thessalonians
 - The clarification comes into play in Chapter 2
 - Title – “2 Thessalonians 2 – Part 1”
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2 Thes. 2:1-2 notice four foundational ideas – which Paul mentioned

1. Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. We ask you not to be soon shaken in mind – not to be troubled by spirit, by word or by letter
3. Concerning “by letter” – “as if it came from us”
4. We ask you not to be troubled – as though the day of Christ had already come

2 Thes. 2:3-4 notice two specific ideas – let no one deceive you by any means
for that Day will not come until.....

1. until the falling away comes first
2. until Anti-Christ (man of sin & son of perdition) is revealed

- This week = Falling away
 - Next week = Anti-Christ
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- First, let’s notice two sections of verses – about falling away

1 Tim. 4:1-3 in latter times, some will depart from the faith

- giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons
- speaking lies in hypocrisy
- having their conscience seared with a hot iron
- forbidding to marry – commanding to abstain from foods

Heb. 6:6
4-5 if some people fall, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance
behavior

- who were once enlightened
- who have tasted of the heavenly gift
- who have become partakers of the Holy Spirit
- who have tasted the good word of God
- who have tasted the power of the age to come

- Next, let's notice some words spoken by the Son of God
- The first example (two consecutive verses in the gospel of John) – these verses are used by some Bible students use to say that they won't fall away

John 10:28 “no one can snatch them out of My hand”
 29 “no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand”

- The second example (a parable spoken by Christ) – discusses the concept of people falling away from the word of God

Luke 8:11-15 parable – “the seed is the word of God”
 many preachers describe the 4 categories this way

- “Deception”
- “Disillusionment”
- “Distraction”
- Bearing fruit

Luke 8:11 “the seed is the word of God”
 12 the devil comes to take away the word out of their hearts
 (many call – “deception”)
 13 receives word with joy, but no roots = falls away
 (many call – “disillusionment”)
 14 thorns choke the word – (cares, riches, pleasures – of this life)
 (many call – “distractions”)
 15 keep the word (noble and good heart) – bear fruit with patience

- Next week – we will talk about the Anti-Christ
 Tonight – Let's finish up – with encouraging words in 2 Thessalonians 2

2 Thes. 2:13 we are bound to give thanks to God – because from the beginning, God
 has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit
 and belief in the truth
 15 stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught
 16-17 may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and our God and Father – comfort you
 and establish you