

# “2 Thessalonians 2—Part 1”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series about 1 and 2 Thessalonians. The title of the presentation was “2 Thessalonians 2—Part 1.”

Many Bible students believe that 2 Thessalonians was written as a clarification of 1 Thessalonians. If so, the clarification apparently comes into play in chapter 2.

## **Four foundational ideas**

When I read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, I believe that there are four foundational ideas involving a probable clarification of information.

- Paul wrote about issues concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Paul asked that they are not to be shaken in mind—not to be troubled by spirit, by word or by letter.
- When Paul mentioned not to be troubled by letter, he mentioned: “as if from us.”
- When Paul said not to be troubled, he mentioned: “as though the day of Christ had come.”

## **Two specific concepts**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 mentions two specific concepts.

- “For that day will not come until the falling away comes first.”
- “For that day will not come until the man of sin (the son of perdition) is revealed.”

So I chose to give two presentations about 2 Thessalonians 2.

- May 27 = Falling away
- June 3 = Antichrist

## **Two sections of Scripture**

Notice what 1 Timothy 4:1-2 mentions about departing from the faith.

- Giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons
- Speaking lies in hypocrisy
- Having their own conscience seared with a hot iron

Notice what Hebrews 6:4-6 mentions about people falling away and not being renewed unto repentance.

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

### **Positive words of Christ**

Here are some words in the Gospel of John, quoting Christ saying some positive words about the future of some believers.

- John 10:28—The Son of God said: “I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. Neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”
- John 10:29—The Son of God said: “My Father (who has given them to Me) is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

### **Helpful warnings by Christ**

When the Son of God described “the seed is the Word of God,” He gave warnings of why people reject God.

- Luke 8:11—The parable was about the seed being the Word of God.
- Luke 8:12—Sometimes, the devil comes to take away the Word out of their hearts.
- Luke 8:13—Sometimes, people receive the Word with joy, but they have no root so temptation influences them to fall away.
- Luke 8:14—Sometimes, the cares of this life (riches, pleasures, etc.) choke the Word.
- Luke 8:15—And, sometimes, people keep the Word with a good heart and bear fruit with patience.

### **Encouraging words**

Notice how the end of 2 Thessalonians 2 helps people with encouraging words.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14—Paul wrote: “God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth—to which He called you by our gospel for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15—Paul wrote: “Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17—Paul wrote: “Now, may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father (who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace) comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”