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God through Paul is now going to give us perhaps one of the most specific clues as to Jesus' return, not of the rapture because when the Day of the Lord arrives so does the Anti-Christ and God's Wrath is not far behind. Paul will first call out the Rapture in verse 1, and then he will reference the beginning of Tribulation all in the first three verses.

## **2 Thessalonians 2**

### **The Man of Sin**

**1Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by our gathering together unto him,***

Verse 1 is speaking of the Rapture of the Church, Jesus's Bride. It is the "gathering together unto Him". Step 1

**2That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

God cautions us not to be deceived by being shaken in mind or troubled in the Spirit. These shakings and troubling's come by Satan through false prophets by words spoken or words written as if they were from Paul or any of the Disciples. If it is outside scripture, then it is to be suspect.

God is now going to give the clue as to what is the prelude to the coming of the Anti-Christ, this will happen before Satan's anti-Christ is revealed. Step 2

**3Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;***

Step 1 – Rapture

Step 2 - The falling away

Step 3 – The son of perdition, the man of sin “the Anti-Christ” is revealed.

Step 2, “falling away”, falling away of what or who?

***1 Timothy 4: 1Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;***

The falling away is religious not political. When Paul wrote this the obvious connection would have been Israel pulling away from Roman dominance but that is not what is meant here and has become more evident with time. A cascade of religions all claiming to be the One True Religion have flooded the earth. Everything from Hinduism to Mormonism and all of the so-called Christian denominations all man made all based-on disagreements of interpretation of Scripture. Many mainline denominations now have re-written the Bible to accommodate

both female pastors and transgenderism not only in the congregation but from the pulpit as well. Some have gone so far as to assign “female gender” to God the Father.

There will be a falling away from True Christianity to these false religions and it will appear that Christianity, those who follow Christ are falling away, but it will be those who claim Christ openly but when challenged will capitulate to the government powers.

<https://www.electionforum.org/faith/decline-of-christianity/>

Barna Group, a Christian research group, says that less than ½ of 1% of today’s youth have a Biblical World View and they define that view as:

*“The Barna Group defined a biblical worldview as belief in the following:*

- *absolute moral truth exists*
- *the Bible is completely inerrant*
- *Satan is a real being, not symbolic*
- *a person cannot earn his way into the kingdom of God though good works*
- *Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth*
- *God is the supreme Creator of the heavens and the earth and reigns over the whole universe today”*

How many churches closed their doors because of the government demands about Covid? If you fall for that what else

will you fall for. How long will you let an anti-Godly government rule your lives in an area that they have no authority according to the Constitution and more importantly God? Even under the United States Constitution we have seen the God Given Rights of people trampled on and people by the millions capitulated to their demands. Wear masks stay 6 feet apart only to find out those were not based on science as claimed but on political motives. If you failed to abide by the order of not going to church, you were to be punished by a government that was supposed to defend your God-given rights spelled out in our Constitution. There are a few, a precious few bold pastors and churches in America that are facing millions of dollars in fines for not closing their doors; for doing the right thing by saying no and they are being persecuted for their saying no to man and yes to God.

So, did we see a falling away over a little matter of a man-made virus, a concocted human disaster. A virus that you had to be threatened to take a vaccine to live. A virus that is so deadly you had to be tested to see if you had it. A virus that has a 99+ percent total recovery from with no medical intervention.

Can you see how the seeds of a “falling away” have been introduced. But we still have to have step 1, the Rapture. Does

that give us a sense of how close Christ must be to coming for His Bride?

Now God will give a further description of how this Anti-Christ who is indwelled by Satan will proceed.

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There is a term in social psychology called “cognitive dissonance”. It means Mental Disagreement. The theory is that within the human psyche it is possible to have two or more competing beliefs or ideas.

JD Farag has a really poignant teaching on this and how it has been used in the US and around the Communist world for controlling the minds of their populations. Within it, the controlling power will try to disparage any “conspiracy theory”. JD Farag in wisdom recommends not going to either extreme on conspiracy theories from denying all to accepting all.

The point is that God has given man and woman a mind to filter truth from fiction, but in order to do that one needs reliable information. To really be able to differentiate between truth and a lie one must know the Truth as God spells it out, line by line, word by word in the Bible and accept that through Faith. We don't need to discover where Truth is, it is the Word of God, all we have to do

is read, study and learn it to grow in Faith and Truth. God said this:

***Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

***John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

As we all know there is plethora of so called “news” outlets that don’t seem to be burdened by the truth. They are often presenting more opinion than fact. To be blunt they presenting their opinion instead of telling the facts of an event. So, finding the truth is more and more challenging in the so-called world of news.

### **Jdfarag.org Prophecy Update 2020-10-18**

Back to the notion of Cognizant Dissonance the human mind then wants to reconcile those two or more beliefs or ideas so that there is only one path to proceed. In truth I think it is a tool of Satan he uses to confuse and lie in order to steal, kill and destroy.

***John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy:***

We know Jesus is speaking of Satan when He calls him “a thief” as God has called Satan the “Father of lies” and has repeatedly referenced Satan as a thief.

So Cognizant Dissonance in theory causes a person to do at least one of three things:

- 1) Justify the conflict,
- 2) Explain away – persuade themselves that it just isn't true or
- 3) Deny any conflict really exists.

As an example, a person may say that murder; the spilling of innocent blood is wrong and at the same time believe that abortion is okay. Those are two opposing views that their mind will try to sort out or do one of the three things this theory of Cognitive Dissonance promotes.

It strikes me that Satan uses and operates in that very theory and operates his entire existence in that conflict and his response is to pollute the entire population of the world with the same problems; confusion and lies.

**4Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

This rendition of what is to come has left out a great deal that we have learned in other books of the Bible. Namely the mechanism

that the anti-Christ will employ. We are told by God through His prophet Daniel:

***Daniel 9:27*** **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.**

This verse refers to a “week”. In Biblical Prophecy a week is 7 days and is converted to – One day equals One year. So, a week of years is or can be 7 years.

At the midpoint in this 7-year treaty with Israel is when vs 4 above is carried out by Satan through his “Anti-Christ” his indwelt puppet. According to vs 4 of 2 Thessalonians 2 the Anti-Christ, Satan’s possessed human will enter the rebuilt temple of God (*a Temple not authorized or directed to be built by God but prophesied that it would be built*) built by the Jewish people perhaps between the Rapture and beginning of Tribulation or perhaps even pre-Rapture.

In any case at the midpoint of the 7 years, the Anti-Christ, Satan’s doubleganger, enters the Holy of Holies commits some vile act and declares himself to be God. That is what is called the Abomination of Desolation in Scripture.



Abomination = detestable thing

Desolation = being cut off

But with the Islam claiming the “temple mount” as its 3<sup>rd</sup> most holy site how can a Jewish temple ever be built there.

There are a number of signs in the middle east over the last several months that attitudes are changing about Israel and the Temple Mount. This piece I am going to site is about a month old.

<https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/saudis-say-temple-mount-and-al-aqsa-not-important-to-islam/>

*“Last week on Twitter, Saudis conducted a campaign promoting Islam’s true holy sites, Mecca and Medina, while downplaying the importance of Jerusalem in their religion. (See: [Islam’s Dome of the Rock in a Synagogue?](#))*

*One of the more viral tweets was posted by Saudi cartoonist Fahd al-Jabiri, who wrote that “the direction of the prayers of the Jews is not important to us, what is important to us is only our homeland.”*

*By referencing the “direction of the prayers of the Jews,” al-Jabiri implicitly recognized the Jewish connection to the Temple Mount, thus contradicting the Palestinian narrative on the matter.....”*

*“.....Tom Nissani, head of the Temple Heritage Foundation, told Arutz 7 that this is a golden opportunity.”*

*“In the end, it is becoming increasingly clear that the main obstacle – the Temple Mount – is in our hands,” he said. “This is a historic opportunity to expel the hostile Waqf from the Temple Mount and transfer it to full Israeli management that will allow full freedom of access and religion to the mountain in cooperation with the Emirates, Saudis and Moroccans, Jews and non-Jews who will attain shared goals.”*

Daniel 6:10 Daniel knelt three times a day at his window that faced where Jerusalem was and prayed. He did so because when King Solomon dedicated the temple he prayed as recorded in 1 Kings 8:28-30 ***“And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.”***

Upon completion of his prayer fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice and the presence of the Lord entered the Holy of Holies until God withdrew it due to Israel’s sin. Jews still face Jerusalem from around the world when they pray, and always pray for peace in Jerusalem and a rebuilt Temple.

There has been peace breaking out all over the middle east with a number of Arab nations formerly hostile to Israel signing peace accords stimulated by President Donald Trump’s efforts. Trump’s

point man is his son Jared Kushner a Jew and married to Trump's daughter Ivanka who convert to Judaism.

In order for the Temple to be rebuilt that would allow the Anti-Christ to enter it, there must be some sort of an accord that would allow that. It seems plausible that the "Abrahamic Accords" as the Trump administration and Israel are calling these new peace deals, may well be that pathway. Israel has also dubbed Trump with the associated name "Cyrus". Cyrus was a Persian King who prior to 530 BC allowed Israel to return to their land and told them to rebuild their Temple and Jerusalem. Israel has even minted a coin that has Trump on one side and Cyrus on the other.

Additionally, we know based on Scripture that the Anti-Christ in his role as world leader does not create a "peace" for Israel but **"shall confirm"** an existing "covenant" or likely (treaty).

*Daniel 9:27 And he **shall confirm** the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

*Matthew 24:15*

*So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination of desolation,' described by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand),*

**Mark 13:14**

***So when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.***

**Luke 21:20**

***But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, you will know that her desolation is near.***

**Isaiah 10:22**

***Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand of the sea, only a remnant will return. Destruction has been decreed, overflowing with righteousness.***

**Isaiah 10:23**

***For the Lord GOD of Hosts will carry out the destruction decreed upon the whole land.***

God has declared a pathway to accomplish all these things and He uses mankind both Believers and non-believers to carry them out to His Glory.

On that note I'd like to clarify my opinion on President Trump. I do not hold President Trump up as any type of savior of the nation or of people. He was used by God to carry out a specific function and he is a mortal mere man who did as he was called upon to do. To what end, only time will tell. Did his actions make America stronger? Without doubt. Did his doing what he said he was going to do endear him to Americans and the world? Again, without question. Was Trump clear that he put America first over any nation through his actions? No question about that. Did Donald

Trump hold Israel in the highest esteem above all other nations? Unquestionably. To what end was all this carried out? I do not know. What I do know is that Donald Trump is not a Messiah, nor a Prophet of God, he was an instrument used by God to carry out a specific function. Will God use Trump again? I do not know. Do I support Donald Trump? Yes

**5Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

This “withholdeth” is a reference to the Holy Spirit; He is holding back the onslaught of tyranny like the world has never seen. The catalyst for the removal of the Holy Spirit the restrainer is likely the Rapture.

If you want a fuller explanation of why it appears that the “withholdeth” is the Holy Spirit go to GotQuestions.org

<https://www.gotquestions.org/restrainer.html>

Many references are in the Bible about the fullness of time; Galatians 4:4 speak to that about Christ.

***Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,***

God has established a fullness of time in every aspect of future events, including the Rapture. He has given us clues “but no man knows the day or the hour”, it is by Faith that we patiently wait for our Lord and Savior to come to retrieve us.

**7For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.**

God is revealing that iniquity is already at work, but where? In the world, in Judaism, in the Christian Church?

This letter is written not to Jews nor the world, but to Believers in Thessalonica. So, in the context the “iniquity” is either in the world or within the church.

**Q.** Of those two “the world or the church” which has this letter in this chapter already addressed quite specifically?

**3Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a *falling away first*, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

Falling away from what the world? No, a falling away from Christianity, the faith.

According to God’s Word two things need to happen before Tribulation begins.

1. A falling away..... but from what?

## 2. The man of sin, son of perdition is revealed

Back to verse 7

***7For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.***

So, the mystery of iniquity, the term is better understood to say the secret of iniquity. It is something hidden within (c)hristianity, small c, in my estimation indicating that it is in what the world thinks is true Christianity, but it is a pseudo (c)hristianity. You don't see a pseudo Islam, or pseudo Hinduism but we do see many pseudo (c)hristian religions, again small "c".

That hidden thing is false prophets and false doctrines that started long ago and are growing every year within religion. As it continues to grow a falling away from the "faith" from God's Truth will accelerate. There are many churches that don't like being disliked by the people around them so they will compromise their beliefs to become liked by the media, the government and the world. They will become the willing participants in bringing in the "son of perdition".

From: <https://bereanresearch.org/dominionism-nar/>

### **Fast Facts:**

- Also known as Dominionism, Third Wave, Latter Rain, Kingdom Now, Joel's Army, Manifest Sons of God, Charismatic Renewal, Charismania.

- Its founder was C. Peter Wagner who claims that the Church of the 21st Century will be ruled by Apostles and Prophets. Wagner has anointed himself NAR's "Presiding Apostle."
- Linked with the [Kansas City Prophets](#) "who brought grandiose claims that a 'new breed' of super prophets were beginning to arrive on planet earth who would change the world forever"; likewise Word Faith and Pentecostal movements.
- Not governed by an official denomination, it is led by alleged apostles and prophets.
- Teaches that the new apostles and prophets are to be the government for the emerging "New Order" church.
- Claims there will be a reformation greater in scale than the Protestant Reformation.
- Claim direct revelation from God and many allege that Jesus and angels visit them in person. Some of them declare that they have visited heaven many times and had conversations with Jesus as well as the Prophets and Apostles.
- NAR's extensive mission outreach throughout the globe has caused the astonishing church growth that's happening in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- Denigration of the Bible and Sola Scriptura.
- Experience oriented theology and based in emotionalism.
- Steeped in mysticism.

You can read about specific pastors and others who claim this position of Apostle and Prophet at;

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/kcp.html>

How easily are people even people of faith led by man?

As a real and recent example of an event when Government said, stop meeting in your church's. What does God say?

***Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast to the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.***



Dare we go back and look at cognitive dissonance? Competing beliefs that use at least one mechanism to resolve the conflict.

- 1) Justify the conflict,
- 2) Explain away – persuade themselves that it just isn't true or
- 3) Deny any conflict really exists.

How many pastors, churches and believers simply obeyed an anti-Godly command to stop meeting together, in direct conflict with God orders?

***25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is***

You can justify it as being law abiding, explain it as following the law or deny it really is no conflict between man's direction and God's direction, but in the end, it showed how easy it will be for the Anti-Christ to issue an order and how many people even believes will follow it over God's Word? By threat of fines and jail, America's churches folded as easily as a sheet of paper. No nationwide outcry, no local continuity between churches, just do what you are told, and you won't be hurt.

Compare that to the secret home churches in many communist countries where death is the reward for defying the government.

Yet they still meet. How sad a commentary on America's churches?

God has declared that standing with Him in this world will be painful in the flesh, but the Spirit will Glorify God.

**8And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

In the KJ translation the word "Wicked" is singular and is capitalized indicating it is a proper noun or Proper Name of a single entity. If we go to Strong's Concordance, we will find:

Transliteration: anomos

Phonetic Spelling: (an'-om-os)

Definition: lawless, without law

Usage: lawless, wicked, without law.

This description fits with the Father of Lies the Devil; he is an outlaw, without the law, he has set himself above God in his own mind and is therefore lawless.

This Wicked will be consumed by the Lord, Jesus Christ. He will be consumed with the "Spirit of His mouth" His Word, the Sword of Truth, and shall destroy the power of this Wicked by the "brightness of His Coming". This event is obviously not the Rapture but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ to earth where He will stand on the Mount of Olives.

**9Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

This reference is to the Anti-Christ a human male that is indwelt by the essence and power of Satan. There are several things we know about Satan; he is a liar and the father of lies, he is a deceiver, his goal is to; steal, kill and destroy. There are many more characteristics of Satan but those will suffice for this discussion. Vs 9 tells us that this “him” which tells us it is a man is coming after the working of Satan. That implies that he is well adapted to work within the manner of Satan, liar, deceiver, thief, murder and destroyer. This man called the Anti-Christ will be endowed with “**with all power and signs and lying wonders**”.

**10And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

There are perhaps two categories of those who will perish. The first is those who have always rejected God even denying His existence.

***Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;***

The main group of people who outright reject God are atheists and agnostics and non-Christians. Rejection of Jesus Christ, if

that is your basis of life this rejection of God sets the pattern for eternity in the Lake of Fire.

The second would be those who knew the truth or at least part of it and knowing the truth still rejected the Truth thereby rejecting God and His Son. These will be part of those who fall away.

***Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but <sup>r</sup>became <sup>s</sup>vain in their imaginations, and their <sup>f</sup>foolish heart <sup>s</sup>was darkened. 22 <sup>u</sup>Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,***

## ***May 16, 2021***

I hope to remind us all repeatedly to whom this letter is written to. It is not written to those in the world, oh they can read it, but it is written to Christians or those who profess to be Christians or claim they want to be Christians.

***11And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.***

For this cause, what cause? You have to go back to verse 10

***Vs 10.....; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.***

The cause is “received not the love of truth”. God sends a strong delusion to the churches because they preferred the world, looking and acting like the world instead of the True Church of God. God is the Truth; it is His nature. In otherwards these people have and will prefer a lie of the world over the truth and who is the Father of lies? Satan, the current ruler of this world.

So, in essence if we distill this down, they; people who have claimed allegiance to God have chosen Satan over God, the lie over the Truth. God knows the hearts of mankind and does not have to wonder who is going to say yes or no. He knows and, in that knowledge, He sends into the church a “strong delusion”. The world won’t need a strong delusion, the world and those who love the world over God have already made their choice. They have chosen to love the World.

***Mark 4: [13](#)And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? [14](#)The sower soweth the word. [15](#)And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. [16](#)And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17](#)And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. [18](#)And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, [19](#)And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things***

*entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.  
**20**And these are they which are sown on good ground;  
such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit,  
some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

These are people we have all known that declared their love of Christ but in their minds only. They hear the Word they want what it offers but their hearts are never circumcised, they live a lie.

**Q.** Who is “they” in vs 10 and 11?

Is this letter from Paul written to the world, to the Jews or the Believers?

The world is already deceived and deluded so it is implicitly sent to those in the world who fancy themselves or call themselves believers. The world has already fallen away from God, rejecting His Son. So, it is by this strong delusion that will cause many who claim Christ will fall away from the faith because **they** only claim Him in their minds not in their hearts.

This indictment against “fellow” by their own admission “Christians” should shake us to the core. God is not threatening us or anyone, He is simply declaring what He has already seen. It is not prophetic when it comes from God, it is fact.

**13But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from**

**the beginning chosen you to salvation through  
sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

We won't go into "predestination; being chosen to salvation", we've plowed that field numerous times, but we will comment on "sanctification" once again.

**Q.** Can anyone give a definition of what sanctification is?

From Strong's Concordance; Sanctification

"Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-as-mos')

Definition: consecration, sanctification

Usage: the process of making or becoming holy, set apart, sanctification, holiness, consecration."

If you were to do a word study on Sanctification you find that it is throughout the Bible and not just a New Covenant Word. It seems to be linked to several key ideals; The Holy Spirit, transformation, appearing to be more Spiritual than physical even though manifested in a physical way. In other words, by the work of the Holy Spirit this fleshly body is transformed through obedience to a more Christ like appearance on a daily or moment by moment basis. It is denying the flesh from sin and walking obedience to God's Word by the Power of the Holy Spirit. The goal is to look Spiritually like Christ. Anyone here accomplish that? It is a trick question so be careful.

In God's eyes, believers are already "sanctified" set apart, completed in God's Will for their lives and that completed Sanctification comes by the Blood of the Lamb. It is the "**already, not yet**" scenario we have spoken of in the past. When God looks at a Believer, He sees His Son not the wretched vessel of a fallen human; that is the ALREADY part of "already, not yet".

The "not yet" part relates to our spiritual/physical walk through the rest of our lives, growing each day, becoming more Christ like, denying the flesh giving deference to the Spirit in our lives as we search out the Truth and God's Will for our lives in His Word and walk in obedience to Him. Growing each day in righteousness even in a fallen world even with a fallen body, we strive to walk in obedience to God, not for Salvation but for Sanctification.

Salvation is already completed, totally completely by Christ on the Cross and our acknowledgement that we are sinners and need a Savior.

**14Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The term "gospel" simply means "good news" as indicated from Strong's Concordance

*"Transliteration: euaggelion*

*Phonetic Spelling: (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on)*

*Definition: good news*



*Usage: the good news of the coming of the Messiah, the gospel;....*

Vs 14 Paul is stating that through the Good News that he and the other disciples brought to Thessalonica, many were called to salvation, “obtaining the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

Obtaining the Glory is in essence the being “set apart” indicated by the term “Sanctification”.

**15Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.**

As the Body of Christ, the Spiritual Church was growing in the world. Non-believers had two ways in which to hear the Good News the Gospel; either by reading it once the letters from the Apostles and Disciples were written and 4 the major books called the “gospels” were available, or by hearing it from a disciple’s mouth. The early physical and Spiritual Church of Christ was almost totally by word of mouth of those called by God to Preach the Good News of Jesus. It would be centuries before the Bible as we know it was in print and available for the common man and woman.

This word “traditions” as in vs 15 “***and hold the traditions which ye have been taught***”, Paul is speaking of the Truth’s of God not traditions that man has come up with over the centuries which are

not of the truth. It is again a heart condition, we celebrate the Birth of Christ on a day that we are pretty sure He was not born. And we do it in such a way as not directed by God yet the world embraces the tradition not as a Spiritual Heart issue but as a holiday that has become little to do with Christ and more to do with commerce. That is not a tradition that should be embraced by the Spirit or the heart of believers. The tradition that is Biblical is that we rejoice in our hearts and Spirit at the day of Christ's Birth. Likewise, we in our hearts mourn and rejoice at the same time over the crucifixion of our Savior and His Resurrection 3 days later in our Spirit in Truth. It has nothing to do with rabbits and eggs and pomp that the world embraces. So many things that churches and "Christians" have embraced in this world separate us from Christ and join us to the unbelieving world. The Word of God is our guide, walk in that guidance and not in the worlds. Repent of our failures and sins and walk in Righteousness toward Sanctification.

**16** Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even **our Father**, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

**Q. "Even our father"** How did we become sons and daughter of God the Creator, the Father of Jesus the Christ?

***Romans 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.***

***1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God, therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.***

***Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit.***

Through the promise to Abraham to the fulfillment of the Prophecy of the Messiah we are adopted into the Family of God, where there is no Jew, nor gentile; no man nor woman, not black nor white, no American nor Asian, it is made up solely of Believers the sons and daughters of God by the Blood of His Son.

In Romans 8:14 does it say that if you are led by the Spirit of God that you **will become** sons of God? No, it says that "all who are led by the Spirit of God **ARE** sons of God." *Emphasis mine*

**17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.**

**Q.** How does God comfort our hearts?

He does it through the Comforter, the Holy Spirit and through His Word.

***John 14:16 And I pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.***

***1 Thessalonians 4: [13](#)But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14](#)For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15](#)For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16](#)For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17](#)Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18](#)Wherefore comfort one another with these words.***

In John 14:16 we see that Christ did not want to leave His disciples alone in a very hostile world, with the Prince of the World, Satan, as its ruler. The Godhead determined to replace Christ with the Third member of the Godhead; The Holy Spirit.

Just as Christ had led His disciples to various revelations and through that process established them in the ministries that He had for them, the Holy Spirit would indwell all those who loved Christ and help them in their ministries that Glorified God.

**“stablish you in every good word and work”.**

This book was written of course to the Thessalonians in its original context, but that context changed as these letters were shared with the Body of Christ. As the Body of Christ, His Church grew, the context changed from the letters being for a specific group or local congregation to the broadest sense THE Church that Christ built. So now we can read verses like this as addressing all Believers.

“stablish” **us or you** “in every good word and work”

And just as a side point, when He establishes us in a good word and work, that word and work is from Him not from us as we have learned. If it isn't from Him, then it is from us and or works are as “filthy rags”.

***Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.***

What an amazing opportunity has been given us; walk every day, every minute in Christ to the Glory of God our Father. Walk better tomorrow than you walked today; if we know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, Salvation is yours already. Every day we need to have a better walk with Christ than we had the day before. Walk in Love, Obedience and Patience to the Glory of God our Father.

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