2Thess #108;

Many people take pleasure in unrighteousness.

Two quick announcements about the conference and this coming week.

This Thursday will be my last message before the Bible Conference on August 3rd and 4th.

We will be doing the Lord’s Supper Sunday the 4th.

I have details to finish up concerning my notes and slides as well, also a few personal errands to take of.

I also want to make sure my voice is rested and prepared to teach 7 or 8 hours.

/The Friday night fellowship dinner, will be held at the Hilton golf and spa resort where the conference is being held. On Friday night August 2nd at 6pm.

It is called the FIRESIDE GRILL.\

Seating is available for up to 25 people at one table. Beyond that, we may have to have sperate tables so do not be concerned. This is a casual dinner and the costs and gratuities are your own personal responsibility.

All food and drinks during the day at the conference is already taken care of.

The Friday night dinner is a separate event.

Open back up in 2Thess chapter 2 RF.

The Apostle Paul is leading the Bels at Thessalonica back on track to accurate Eschatology. They had bought into false teaching and counterfeit letters from spiritual leaders claiming to be connected to the apostles.

2Thes 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is removed.

The mystery of lawlessness can be traced back to the proclamation of the seed war in Genesis chapter 3. Satan and his army have been actively deceiving mankind since the Garden.

[2Th 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/8/s_1118008) Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

The 2nd Advent of Christ comes during the end of the Tribulation at the battle of Armageddon and TLJC returns as the warrior king.

The antichrist does not rise to visible power on the world stage, until the beginning of the 7 years of tribulation.

There is a possibility the antichrist may be visible before the Rapture just not seated in authority.

[2Th 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/9/s_1118009) *that is,* the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and false signs and wonders,

[2Th 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/10/s_1118010) and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not accept the love of the truth so as to be saved.

The love is virtue love – Godly love, which can only be achieved in union with Christ. The truth speaks to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

 The Bible is the mind of Christ.

[2Th 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/11/s_1118011) For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

This will reach a peak by the opening of the Tribulation period and carry into those first few years of the Tribulation.

We are witnessing the construction of the beast system right now, which is the predominate ideology or system of the TRIBUALTION.

/[2Th 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/12/s_1118012) in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but **took pleasure in wickedness**.\

The final and only judgment in view here, is the Great White Throne judgment. Which happens after the one thousand years of perfection of Christ on earth.

There is a sad and hard fact of temporal life. That some people will be given ample opportunities and repeated warnings about heaven and hell and they just will refuse to accept TLJC.

They enjoy the temporal, they live for self, and they are in love with a satanic agenda.

/2Thes 2:12 - *took pleasure in wickedness;*

*Eudokeō adikia –* to willingly seek pleasure, to approve or indulge in unrighteousness, lawlessness and ungodliness.\

YOU-DAH-KAYO – means a conscious effort and desire to seek something out to enjoy something fully.

AH-DAH-KEYA – the root word here points to unrighteous and unlawful. A violation of what is deemed right.

It is used several times in the NT to point out evildoers, wickedness, unrighteousness and injustice.

That which you know is wrong or evil.

Jump over to 2Peter chapter two RF.

The fact is unrighteousness points to the cosmic system and the OSN. The only one with true righteousness is TLJC.

This is why you often hear me tell you that, your are either in the NEW nature OLD nature, at any given moment.

There is no way to counterfeit the righteousness of Christ.

The devil’s world offers versions of righteousness but is never able to resemble what TLJC has.

Anyone – no matter how good and kind they appear, who is minus Christ, is not in union with TLJC - is unrighteous.

All of the teaching of the apostles and NT lessons from Christ make it very apparent there is no middle ground.

 REPEAT

The last dying words of a great apostle who was in the middle of what many believe as dying grace - even though he was facing execution.

Dying grace means you are relaxed and strong enough to face temporal pain and you are prepared to meet the LORD face to face.

These two letters from the Apostle Peter are very powerful, in the fact that they are laced with important doctrines to lift up Bels and warn them as well.

The common fisherman who became a theologian.

The first letter points to God’s grace as always being available even on our worse day.

He explains the importance of knowledge and he uses encouragement. He speaks of grace and love repetitively and he mentions the mechanics of Godly relationships.

In his second letter - there gets to a point of serious warnings for what was already developing around the early church.

Pick it up 2Peter chapter two verse one;

The end of chapter one the Apostle Peter is speaking in the past tense about the gift of prophets.

It is near the end of 66 AD and most of the apostles were no longer performing miracles and healings. The gift of prophecy was also coming to an end.

You had the letter from Jude and then John’s letters written between 70 and 80 AD.

Then the final piece is Revelation, which the Apostle John wrote because of the visions he received during the time of his imprisonment on Patmos during 90 to 95 AD.

/2Pet 2:1 But **false prophets** also appeared among the people, just as **there will also be false teachers among you,** who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even **denying the Master who bought them**, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.\

False prophets were active in the OT right into the time of the ministry of the apostles.

They are around today.

Yet the bigger issue is false teaching. The Apostle Peter knew the Gnostics were developing a system and that Judaism was still being presented as the only way to GOD.

In fact, it is believed some Pharisees and Sadducees were involved with the Gnostic movement.

The main issue for the common Christian to keep in the forefront of their mind is; who do they claim TLJC to be?

What is their attitude toward the narrow gate of the person and work of Jesus Christ?

/2Pet 2:1 - *false teachers among you***,** who will *secretly introduce* (*pareisagō*) *destructive heresies* (*hairesis*);

(fut, act, ind) to be crafty or secretive, bringing about destructive systems, sects or captivating lies.\

PAR-SAY-GO, means to bring in or carry on in a secretive fashion. Future tense means the Apostle Peter was witnessing this develop and it would carry on into the future.

Sects are also described as secret societies or fraternities.

The active voice, points to those who bring forth the secrets and deceptions.

The indictive mood, tells us it is a fact that was happening and going to happen going forward.

HIRE-US-SIS, a group of men following their own system (example- Sanhedrin).

 REPEAT

Religion and certainly denominational dogma began right here.

/2Pet 2:1 - *denying the Master (despotēs) who bought them;*

The lord and master, the supreme authority or husband. A title of royal honor to be upheld.\

DIS-POT-ACE, is used for master, lord, authority and husband.

Jesus Christ bought everyone and removed everyone from the slave market of sin – Unlimited Atonement!

If you choose not to accept the offer that is up to you – the work was completed upon that cross.

/[2Pe 2:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/2/s_1158002) **Many will follow** their indecent behavior, and **because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;**

False teachers and Unbels with cosmic system ideologies (religion and false spirituality). Those who follow can be Bels who are led astray.\

TRUTH – Bible doctrine is skewed, it is blasphemy. The original language uses the term seduced or sensuality which leads people astray (indecent behavior).

Seduction is very appealing; it tickles our ego and it is very subtle. The warning is there are seductive teachers and doctrines of demons on the landscape, and they will be around every corner in the CA.

What did I touch on last lesson – a key component of scar tissue – knowledge. Where are you getting it and what does it consist of?

What are you absorbing as knowledge?

The Apostle Peter is really highlighting future life in this lost and dying world – a place filled with wicked ideologies and false teaching.

The Apostle Paul spoke of the same situation in 1Timothy chapter 4.

All the writers in the NT warn about false teaching and doctrines of demons.

/[2Pe 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/3/s_1158003) and in *their* greed **they will exploit you with false words**; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

They are greedy for more than just monetary gain. Often, it is power and approbation as well. Those under their teaching will not only be exploited, they will be quickly, disregarded if they question their authority.\

Authority cannot tolerate rebellion, yet confident authority, can handle questions or doubt without quickly dismissing you.

 REPEAT

Though their judgment and destruction seem far removed, GOD in HIS timing, deals with all rebellion, injustice and wickedness in the end.

[2Pe 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/4/s_1158004) For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, held for judgment;

All fallen angels will face final judgment and all fallen angels have been already given opportunities for salvation.

Those angels who crossed the spiritual boundary before the flood and impregnated human women, are currently held on lock down.

/[2Pe 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/5/s_1158005) and **did not spare the ancient world, but protected Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

There was probably over 1,600 years from the origin in the Garden until the flood. God made a proclamation and even waited 120 years to fulfill that judgment of the flood.\

God’s timing and our timing is almost never on the same scale.

Gods’ plan and man’s plan almost never align properly.

[2Pe 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/6/s_1158006) and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made *them* an example of what is coming for the ungodly;

We are getting ready to wrap this up – we will be picking it up back here next lesson.

[2Pe 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/7/s_1158007) and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the perverted conduct of unscrupulous  people

[2Pe 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/8/s_1158008) (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

Lot remained there and failed his test as a Believer. In fact, he ended up bringing a curse upon his bloodline, when his daughters laid down with him later on.

 Yet LOT was righteous because of TLJC – he went to heaven.

/[2Pe 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2pe/2/9/s_1158009) *then* **the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from a trial**, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

This also points us to the Rapture before the Tribulation. Both Noah and Lot experienced a type of rapture before the wrath of GOD unfolded.\

This is why many teach, and that I also believe as well, that Lot’s wife may have been an Unbeliever.