2Thess #102

The truth of Christ is the only saving light.

Please keep Rob and Marla in prayer. Especially Rob, he has some medical issues he is dealing with and we want to make sure he gets through that with minor discomfort.

Thank you so much for allowing me the time off to travel, visit my family and perform the wedding for my youngest step-daughter.

Just as a reminder - if you want me to perform a wedding or funeral, I always meet with the interested parties by phone or in person first.

I like to let them know that I stand by traditional, Biblical, teaching. Therefore, the name of Jesus Christ will be prevalent in that service. For a marriage I ask if they are true Bels, I emphasize the importance of that.

I also do use traditional Christian vows – the husband is called into leadership and to love the bride as Christ love the church. Ladies - I use the terms love, honor and obey for your vows.

Just a footnote, before you ask me to do any type of service such as marriage or funerals. I do not compromise any of that. I do not compromise the WORD of GOD – the true mind of Christ.

Open back up in 2Thessalonians chapter two today. Let us get back on track.

We will do the Lord’s Supper at the end of the message.

Last call for the 2024 Bible Conference;

/PRB Ministry 2024 Bible Conference is being held in Denver, Colorado;

On, August 3rd and 4th (Sat. & Sun) with a Friday night (2nd) fellowship Dinner TBA.

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It is being held at the Hilton Golf and Spa resort and classes begin at 10am.

As a recap and especially for new comers, the study in the letters to the church at Thessalonica is rich with end time theology.

In 2Thess chapter two, the Apostle Paul is correcting false teaching, which had infected many members of that congregation.

He is being very specific as to the 2nd Advent of Christ because they believed they were enduring the Tribulation at that historic point.

2Thes 2:3 No one is to deceive you in any way! For *it will not come* unlessthe apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

The 2nd advent of Christ does not occur until the end of the Tribulation period, after the Antichrist has been in power.

[2Th 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/4/s_1118004) who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

[2Th 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/5/s_1118005) Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

False teaching and doctrines of demons have been around for thousands of years.

/The Apostle Paul has clarified the Tribulation period (7 years), has to occur before the return of Christ on earth. These Believers were suckered into false teaching – they were already given the truth! The series of events of the end times was part of that, he now has to do an overview. Not fully digesting the truth and more importantly the historic context of scriptures leads people to fall for lies and counterfeits.\

[2Th 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/6/s_1118006) And you know what restrains *him* now, so that he will be revealed in his time.

What is it, that is restraining the full authority of evil on earth?

/[2Th 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/7/s_1118007) For **the mystery of lawlessness** is already at work; only He who **now restrains** *will do so* **until He is removed.**

The mystery is that the seeds of Satan and his plan of attack (Gen 3:15) have been busy since the original Garden.

That which restrains Satan’s full authority, is the ministry of God the HS and the positive remnant of Bels.\

This scripture is one among several, that speaks to a rapture of the church – the bride of Christ is swept away in the clouds of the air.

[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 battlefield of Armageddon will be the point of Christ 2nd Advent.

[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.

Notice how simple GOD has made HIS plan – believe the truth and you will be saved. No works, no good deeds or man-made systems or intellect needed– faith alone in Christ alone.

[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,

/There is a massive build up into the Tribulation because there needs to be the infrastructure in place for a ONE world system (banking, government and religion) to develop quickly after the RAPTURE. Satan can only be in one place at one time, this needs to be a majority of the world (not all) folding into this system. Therefore, much of what is described here begins long before the rapture as a construction project.\

*The days of Noah* - are imperative to understand this concept.

Anyone teaching that we are already in the Tribulation period is either ignorant or willfully trying to distract people from the truth.

If this has been the Tribulation or we are already in it, even the beginning stage, then dozens of scriptures were blatantly false or make no sense at all. Large portions of the Bible need to be ripped out of the book.

You decide…while you use critical thinking, look back on scripture and really think. Does this look like the full wrath of GOD on earth and does it look like Satan and his army are completely running roughshod over the whole planet?

 REPEAT

My personal studies and my opinion, is we may head into a reprieve of some kind. I have said this a half dozen times within the past year.

Maybe a type of Christian revival, it appears like that right now. But by the end of that emotional wave what you begin to follow and truly believe may be distorted.

 REPEAT

Do not lose sight of truth – do not let your grip upon the person and work of Jesus Christ loosen.

We may have a huge revival that carries us into the next few years – yet, what good is that, if 5 years from now we have a one world religious system that nullifies the person and work of TLJC!!??

/[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**.\

That is why 2Thess 2:12 will carry us into a two-or-three, part series; beginning with the only entrance into heaven – the person and work of Jesus Christ, faith alone in Christ alone.

Then we will transition into a look at- those who take pleasure in wickedness.

Jump over to Matthew chapter ten RF.

The level of eschatology in 2Thessalonians - really in both the first and second letters to Thessalonica is very profound.

Yet here is a clear scripture pointing to salvation. The gospel of Christ is woven into this lesson as it is in almost every scripture of the Bible.

Did you know on any give page within any given chapter, Jesus Christ is seen in our bibles?

/Mat 10:34“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; **I did not come to bring peace, but a sword**.

Truth is singular – it so pure and powerful that it can never be diminished or tainted in any fashion. \

Jesus never came to purposely cause division, in fact Satan is the great divider.

Yet the nature of truth is that is breaks the bond of lies, it makes visible the purity of the light of GOD and the darkness and deception of Satan.

[Mat 10:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/35/s_939035) “For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

[Mat 10:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/36/s_939036) and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

We have noted the sword of truth in many older lessons which points directly to the core of who TLJC.

The Bible is the exact mind of Christ, that truth can not be compromised and yet there are those in our circle of family and friends who either dismiss the truth or add too it and take from it.

This is much less controversially than some make it out to be – they think Jesus was so controversial, yet HE simply was direct and precise with HIS teaching.

/The doctrine of salvation is laser focused and painfully accurate in that, there is only one avenue into heaven, one way for eternal security to be a reality – it is through Christ! Satan’s system is opposed to the truth of Jesus Christ and that is what brings division. The feel-good banner that - *all roads lead to heaven*, is a lie from the pit of hell. As is the lie, that somehow, flawed creatures can reach heaven by works and intellect.\

That is the issue – the sword of truth simply brings light to a dark counterfeit.

Now notice as we get ready to close this out and partake of the LORD’s Supper.

There is a very purposeful set of urgent and graphic terms that TLJC is waking His new church leaders up too.

/[Mat 10:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/37/s_939037) “He who **loves** (*phileō*) father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who **loves** (*phileō*) son or daughter **more than Me is not worthy of Me.**\

[Mat 10:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/38/s_939038) “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

[Mat 10:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/10/39/s_939039) “He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

TLJC uses the Greek verb PHIL-LET-O in verse 37 which is a personal love. This has deep affection connected too it.

Pretty serious statement!

Again, we see a series of statements pointing to Jesus really driving some points home with precise, yet very heavy language.

/What the Lord insinuates in this statement is the serious nature of our relationship with Him. There is intimacy and a love relationship that actually should develop stronger than even our family ties. The fact is we do not naturally (flesh) love others properly until we develop a love relationship with Christ.\

Love is so misunderstood, especially the terms for love written about in scripture. Godly love looks different compared to human love.

The reality is, real love embraces truth.

How can you claim to love someone and sit back as they live in the cosmic system filled with lies and darkness?

/Human love is based in emotions and expectations. When the emotions feel ignited or rejected the person reacts. Human love always has an expectation, most times several expectations. They often are hidden under the surface and eventually erupt into anger when they are neglected.\

This is just cold, hard human nature folks…the facts….don’t feel guilt or shame, we all have this human nature the OSN, so we all have this.

It is actually normal.

But it is not the path to spiritual maturity and divine love, therefore we should want to adjust ourselves to the plan of God to become better friends…better family members and better spouses.

We must first realize that there are 3 predominant system or types of love in the human race.

/Love for the Creator, Love for a man or woman and love in the area of friendships & family members. Each of these 3 have deeper meaning in the plan of God. What the human definition and standard is for these 3 differ in depth and sincerity for the Bel.\

Remember human love has no eternal value…it has no lasting power because the bulk of human love is dependent on emotions and expectations being met and the other person responding properly, so that the relationship can flourish.

 REPEAT

/Divine love is dependent on who and what the Lord Jesus Christ is and everything He represents. With divine love, what a person brings to the relationship (emotions, expectations) has very little control over the outcome.\

In other words, once you enter into a serious relationship with God - then divine love is available for your whole life and the anchor is that you can’t lose your salvation or remove the love God has for you.

/Once you accept TLJC for exactly who HE is and what HE has done, you have now entered a place of truth and love in the realm that GOD can now teach and guide you into real spirituality. Faith alone in Christ alone, is the only secure place of truth and eternal salvation. It is the only launching pad into spirituality. After salvation you are launched forward into a new and divine life, that life will be dependent upon your own volition to grow or remain stagnant.\

All of this is Christ dependent.

Because Jesus Christ became a man and fulfilled the plan of God the Father, we have all of this incredible power and opportunities.

The spotless LAMB of God died in place of all of us – HE paid the price for a lost and dying world.

All the sin natures from the beginning of time as we know it, were wiped clean by the precious blood of the SON of God.

If you are willing to cling to HIS person and work – having real faith in exactly who HE has said HE is, and always will be, you are then placed into an everlasting union with Christ.

You have been forever removed from eternal judgment.

Let us bring The Lord Jesus Christ into remembrance by reading from the Apostle Paul;

1Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread;

[1Co 11:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/24/s_1073024) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In remembrance of our LORD let us eat the bread.

[1Co 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/25/s_1073025) In the same way HE also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me.”

[1Co 11:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/26/s_1073026) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

In remembrance of our LORD…let us drink the cup.

Let us pray…amen.