1Thess #2

The foundation for spiritual success is within the two power options.

We have opened up a study in the letters to the church at Thessalonica.

They had been given solid teaching by the Apostle Paul along with other pastor-teachers as a follow up. And yet once they were left to establish the congregation and continue studying accurately they went astray.

Timothy had stopped into the gathering of Bels at Thessalonica and realized many were confused about the end time events and some were getting involved in false teaching.

Now the Apostle Paul who was probably hundreds of miles away in or near Corinth – had to re-address some core principles.

1Thes 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

[1Th 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/1/2/s_1112002) We always give thanks to God for all of you, making mention *of you* in our prayers;

As I mentioned last lesson, the Apostle Paul knew that even when having to reprimand a congregation, he first must approach them with respect and do his best to lift them up first.

This is a good technique for all leadership roles – never just simply come in with harsh words or criticism.

Most people will shut down to anything after you hit them with hard truth right off the bat. There are rare occasions that as a leader you have to come in hot like that, but you must have the discernment to know how and when to do so.

[1Th 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/1/3/s_1112003) constantly keeping in mind your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

[1Th 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/1/4/s_1112004) knowing, brothers *and sisters,* beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

Meaning you are now elected and predestined to share in the victory of Christ with all Bels.

/[1Th 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/1/5/s_1112005) for **our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit** and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sakes.

The teaching they had received from the Apostle Paul and his men was accuracy in the WORD given by the power of the Spirit.\

Turn to the book of Acts chapter one RF.

As you go into the book of Acts let me make a few points;

First, the Apostle Paul is getting ready to address some serious misconceptions. In doing so he is reminding the congregation that they have been taught accurately already.

These men along with the Apostles know the power of the HS and the serious intent of teaching the WORD with academic honesty.

The Apostle Paul brings into light a key foundational doctrine for all Bels to fully understand.

The foundation of our spiritual life and the pathway to spiritual success is dependent upon the two power options.

/Jhn 14:26 “But **the Helper** (*paraklētos*), **the Holy Spirit** whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things, and remind you** of all that I said to you.

Jesus kept emphasizing the coming power of God the HS. The one who guides, legal advisor or walks alongside and enlightens us.\

PARA-KLET-US- the one who brings comfort and legal assistance. The one who guides us and teaches us. A legal representative or professional advisor just for you!

There was a strong emphasis on the coming power of God the HS toward the end of TLJC earthly ministry. Then within the 40 days of HIS resurrection it was brought out again in greater detail.

This is a serious matter if only our Lord taught it once it held great value. But to teach it repeatedly, especially at the end of HIS ministry and the beginning of the CA - means this is something you need to fully understand and learn to apply.

Every scripture and word written in the Bible holds great power and value. When it is repeated it means even greater strength and importance is attached to those repetitive principles.

 REPEAT

/Jhn 16:7 “But **I tell you the truth**: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, **the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.**

The completed mission of Christ took place at the session (seated at right hand of the throne).\

The new power of God the HS was unleashed because the victory which was assured in eternity past, was physically secured by the humanity of Christ seated next to God the Father.

 REPEAT

John’s gospel highlights the deity of TLJC like no other gospel.

/Jhn 16:12 “I have many more things to say to you, but **you cannot bear *them* at the present time**. 13 “But **when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you** into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and **He will disclose to you what is to come**.\

The Trinity is the only fully functioning deity, with each member of the divine God-head responsible and in action for the grace plan of God to come to fruition.

We have no consistent avenue to stay in tune with the Trinity other than the filling power of God the HS and the word of God as our guidance.

(two power options)

/[Jhn 16:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/16/14/s_1013014) “**He will glorify Me**, for He will take from Mine and **will disclose *it* to you**. 15“All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

*anangellō* – disclose, repeat, instruct and teach.\

AN-LONG-AYLO, this means a full-time position, someone who works diligently to keep on teaching or instructing. They keep on announcing or recalling principles for you. One who speaks publicly and instructs others.

TLJC made it very clear the power of the HS would be what is needed to go forward in the CA.

He began this lesson with a strong emphasis at the last supper.

/Jhn 13:7 Jesus answered and said to him, “**What I am doing, you do not realize right now,** but you will understand later.” 8 Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “**If I do not wash you, you have no place with Me**.”

The principle was related to the filling power of God the HS which was coming in the near future.\

The is no fellowship and communication when the Bel has not dealt with sin first.

There is no Christ-like nature active when the OSN is in control.

[/Jhn 13:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/13/9/s_1010009) Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, *then wash* not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!” 10Jesus said to him, “**He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet**; otherwise he is completely clean. And you are clean—but not all *of you.*”

Bath is related to salvation – one and done. Our feet represent the cosmic system (OSN).\

Now look at Acts one verse 6;

Act 1:6 So, when they had come together, they *began* asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

This is during TLJC last days of resurrection. which I already taught you that, our LORD taught deeper principles related to CA mystery doctrine during those 4o days of resurrection.

[Act 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/1/7/s_1019007) But He said to them, “It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority;

TLJC was clarifying - they do not need to concern themselves with future dispensations but to remain focused on building the CA dispensation.

[/Act 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/act/1/8/s_1019008) but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

Nothing else will matter or make sense if you do not have the filling power of God the HS!\

Evangelism, divine works or fruit of the Spirit will all be out of reach if your new nature is not active in your temporal life.

Two things interfere with your spiritual life – one is the OSN dominating your day-to-day life the other is a lack of knowledge of BD.

Sin after salvation can not remove your eternal security, but it will hinder or destroy spiritual growth, blessings and rewards.

God, in HIS unbelievable grace plan knew we would need help.

Jump over to 1Corinthians chapter two.

Our responsibility is to take our union with Christ serious and make it the priority of life.

/Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.\

Being filled with the power of the HS opens up the new nature and gives us the opportunity to achieve a Christ-like lifestyle.

You have to fill your soul with truth once you have cleansed the sin from your life.

The WORD coupled with the filling power of HS is the protocol for spiritual growth, communication and the true worship of God.

/1Cor 2:10 For to us **God revealed** *them* through the Spirit; **for the Spirit searches all things**, even the depths of God.

There is no spiritual IQ, growth or discernment outside of the power of the Holy Spirit.\

[1Co 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/11/s_1064011) For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

The mind of Christ is the mind of GOD!

The Trinity share in the same God-head, the same essence and thoughts.

Those who claim to know God based on emotion or any type of ritual are fooling themselves – it is only through the two power options we get to have intimacy with God.

[/1Co 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/12/s_1064012) Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know** the things freely given to us by God.

We may know – all Bels do not know or have spiritual insight. Free will plays a key role after salvation!\

Notice a spirt of the world – a cosmic system dominated by fallen angels!

God gives generously and freely because HE is the GOD of unlimited grace.

Yet HE does not force anything on Bels or Unbels.

[/1Co 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/13/s_1064013) We also speak these things, not in **words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words.*

This points to spiritual wisdom taught by the two power options in action and received by spirit-filled person.\

The combination is related to all things working in the divine protocol – the right thing done in the right way!

[1Co 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/14/s_1064014) But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The fleshly minded – the Greek word is *psychikos* (SUE-KE-CUS) – it points to our OSN, the lust patterns within the soul. Our personal appetites and fleshly desires - our will over the truth of God’s word.

[1Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/15/s_1064015) But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one.

Those who are advancing and allowing God’s word to build a strong Edification Complex within their soul structure, need not concern themselves about the attitudes or judgment of the cosmic system or even fleshly Bels.

[/1Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/16/s_1064016) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

Bible doctrine is the mind of Christ!\

The first part of this verse is a quotation from Isaiah 40:13. Directed at the fact that the scripture itself is a living, breathing mind of the Triune God.

All scripture is God-breathed!

/2Tim 3:16 **All scripture** is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;

There is not one scripture that God did not have HIS hand upon and HIS wisdom injected into, at the time of the original writing.\

You either whole heartedly believe that, or you remain seated on the fence with splinters, softly kissing your confused back-side!

The choice is yours Bel!

We have no problem-solving ability outside of consistent use of the two power options and therefore that explains a lot of misery and confusion in Christianity today.

/Rebound (name and cite any sins)

The Filling power of HS

Faith rest

Grace Orientation

Doctrinal Orientation\

These are skills developed over time once the Bel takes the two power options and applies them consistently on their journey.

/A personal sense of Destiny

Personal love for the God Father

Personal Love for all mankind

Sharing the happiness of God

Occupation with the person of Jesus Christ.\

The humanity of Christ used eight problem solving devices. Jesus Christ never sinned – HE was perfect and HE was not occupied with Himself.

Other than naming and citing sins and being occupied with the person of TLJC – our Lord and Saviour used all other problem-solving techniques during His earthly ministry.

We will cover these ten in a little deeper detail next lesson.