2Thess #186

Do not grow weary Believer.

Thank you for allowing me a day off this past weekend.

We will be doing the Lord’s Supper at the end of the message so please be prepared.

 Let us open back up in our anchor study of 2Thessalonians chapter three.

As we get to the end of this second letter to Thessalonica we see the discipline section of the letter.

This is the reprimand portion that the Apostle Paul was concerned about and one of the key reasons for the 2nd letter.

2Thes 3:11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

Not all were lazy and busybodies - but some who were now affecting the whole congregation were!

There is nowhere in scripture do we see God’s people called into apathy and laziness. Nowhere in scripture we see God’s people called into a stagnant, inactive faith.

It is just the opposite… get busy being busy in God’s plan, before your temporal race is over.

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[2Th 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/12/s_1119012) Now we command and exhort such persons in the Lord Jesus Christ to work peacefully and eat their own bread.

/This is a call into accountability for your own life. You can never be in a position to help others, if your own life is in a state of weakness or disarray. Everyone should find what they can put their own talents and efforts into, to support themselves as well as their families. Once you have some abundance, even in a small amount, then you can begin to help others.\

It is not selfish to earn a good living and eat your own bread – God is telling us that is how you survive in the devil’s world.

It’s called enjoying the blessings God has graciously given you.

There are more than enough warnings about greediness in the Bible.

Yet there is also a strong call to enjoy the fruit of your labor written in scripture as well.

It is actually satanic to rob the fruits of the hard labor of others and randomly hand them out at the will of others.

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It goes against divine institution number one – freedom…free will.

Giving and supporting the needy is between you and GOD, never to be forced and manipulated by others.

/[2Th 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/13/s_1119013) But as for you, brothers *and sisters,* **do not grow weary of doing good**.\

[2Th 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/14/s_1119014) If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person *so as* not to associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

[2Th 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/15/s_1119015) And *yet* do not regard *that person* as an enemy, but admonish *that one* as a brother *or sister.*

[2Th 3:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/3/16/s_1119016) Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

Jump over to Hebrews chapter 6 RF.

/The Christian who is continually feeling frustration and walking a weary lifestyle, is often a Christian who does not realize the flesh and the SPIRIT cannot work together for Divine Good. Only Divine Good has eternal repercussions, all other works and deeds are temporary and will burn up in the future. Spiritual growth has to proceed divine work. Even a new Bel can have a Divine Work credited to them, yet they can never do so without at least having step one of growth, which is related to the two power options (filling power of HS & WORD).\

The flesh can never do anything spiritual.

The flesh has no divine power.

Therefore, the new Bel has to at least have advanced into understanding the power of GOD the HS and the truth of the WORD.

The book of Hebrews may have been written by Dr. Luke - we simple do not know, I lean toward Luke personally.

It is written a few years before the fall of Jerusalem and it was written for predominately Jewish Bels in Jerusalem.

Legalism and the Gnostic teachings were increasing at this point, especially in churches that were firmly established already.

Keep in mind this chapter in Hebrews starts out with a warning for Believers who have been backsliding and many who had been following legalistic teaching.

/Heb 6:1 Therefore **leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ,** let us **press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from **dead works** and of faith toward God,

The Bel who does not understand eternal security and the filling power of the HS, is stuck in a cycle of doubt and a power-grip of the flesh.\

The Greek present tense, is telling Christians to stop laying the same foundation of salvation.

/Core doctrines of the MESSIAH, are related to the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union, the doctrine of eternal security through HIS work, the baptism of the Spirit. The filling power of God the HS, the priesthood of Christ and the mediatorship of Christ, the Kingship of Christ and our relationship to that. Obviously the angelic conflict along with a few other core truths of CHRIST.\

Religion is designed to confuse and distort truth so as to keep Unbels away from salvation and the weak Bels away from real growth.

There is no maturity when legalism has a hold of a Christian.

The fact is, any false doctrine can be the growth blockade for a Christian.

Therefore, change your ways Bel – move away from dead works.

You need accurate teaching as a foundation.

/Repentance is not an emotional roller-coaster it is an acknowledgement of God’s justice system. Faith is necessary for true salvation. So, repentance and faith are not the same; repentance opens you up for faith. Repentance causes you to change your mind so that from your own free will you are willing to make a decision. To repent for legalistic Bels is a continual wave of emotional responses, the truth is, it is a turning and changing of the mind.\

It is not dependent on emotions.

The Bel who leads a life of weariness and frustration consistently, is operating from the wrong power.

/[Heb 6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/2/s_1139002) of **instruction about washings** and **laying on of hands**, and about the **resurrection** of the dead and **eternal judgment.**

There were 4 areas of confusion – water baptism, healings, the doctrine of resurrection and eternal security.\

You do not need repetitive washing such as water baptism and repentance again to regain your salvation.

Salvation is one and done –

At the moment of true faith alone in Christ alone, you are baptized by God the HS! Therefore, water baptism was a foundational ritual for the early years of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection is a clear doctrine that we all will receive resurrected bodies as we can see in the resurrected Christ…the First Fruit of eternity.

[Heb 6:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/3/s_1139003) And this we will do, if God permits.

IF is written in a 3rd class condition, meaning maybe it will happen. It has a strong connotation of possibility.

This means maybe with GOD’s power and your free will decision; we can re-teach core doctrines so you are no longer confused.

The Bel has to be positive for this re-learning process to take hold.

/One of the issues with the third-class condition here (Heb 6:3) also points to the fact that some of these lost Bels may die the sin unto death, before they can re-learn accurate doctrine. Christians with many years of false doctrines and legalism, entrenched into their lives often do not accept re-learning the truth. Pride and emotions make this a very difficult process.\

[Heb 6:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/4/s_1139004) For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

[Heb 6:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/5/s_1139005) and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

The powers of the age to come points to the dispensation of the Millennial reign of Christ on earth.

They had received the grace of God, yet they became lost in counterfeits and lies.

That means these Christians had enough solid doctrine that they had a slight idea of what will be coming, after the rapture of the Church Age Bels.

Never forget religion and counterfeits weave lies into truth.

Even though it was marred by confusion because of religious lies, the truth they had digested was skewed. So, after years of being born again, they barely had a taste of real truth.

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Verse 4 into verse 6 is one long sentence.

One continuous explanation.

/[Heb 6:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/6/s_1139006) and *then* **have fallen away**, to restore them again to repentance, since **they again crucify to themselves** the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Fallen away – reversionism. So, they live a life of self-denial, works programs, rituals, (some fell back into animal sacrifices for atonement as well).\

The blend of the Sanhedrin rituals and the Gnostic ideologies became a toxic religious melting pot.

There is a popular denomination that did come out of this after the first century, it came out of Rome – I’ll let you guess which one.

Here’s a hint, it is one of the top religious movements in history and it is also the wealthiest business in the world.

/They are crucifying themselves when The Lord Jesus Christ has already offered the pure, saving work for all mankind. Everything is fulfilled in Christ; we can never add to it or take from it – that is blasphemous. Legalistic people like to sacrifice themselves in plain view, through rituals, works and self-denial. There is nothing spiritual in any form of religion.\

[Heb 6:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/7/s_1139007) For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and produces vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;

To produce Fruit of the Spirit only happens with a Bel who absorbs accurate BD, filled by God the HS, begins to apply faith to that doctrine, which initiates growth.

Notice – that is who GOD can bless.

/[Heb 6:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/6/8/s_1139008) but if it yields thorns and thistles, **it is worthless** and close to being cursed, and **it ends up being burned**.

1Cor 3:15 **If anyone’s work is burned up**, he **will suffer loss**; but **he himself will be saved**, yet *only* so as through fire.\

Read 1Corinthians chapter 3 to see exactly what this means.

The uneducated Christian often falls victim to the worries of the world consuming them.

The religious Bel relies upon self-sacrifice and rituals or works to be protected by God, or to be recognized by God.

The relationship with GOD is not motivated by that – HE does not recognize the flesh.

It does more damage then good to be involved in deeds of the flesh.

/Isa 41:10 ‘**Do not fear, for I am with you**; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you, I will also help you**, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Josh 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous**! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your **God is with you wherever you go**.”\

As we prepare to partake of the LORD’s Supper, let us remember HE desires a relationship not rituals or religion.

/Psa 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom should I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom should I dread?

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who is against us?\

The Bel who is willing to humble themselves and really have a relationship with Christ will reap incredible benefits and one is an inner strength.

/Isa 40:29 He gives strength to the weary, And to *the one who* lacksmight He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.\

Jesus Christ lived and died so that we would depend upon HIM…HE gave HIMSELF for this lost and dying world.

HE gave us HIS very mind and the power of God the HS, so we can grow into who we were created to be. Strong, standing firmly and living a purposeful life.

/Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to **be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self**,

Phl 3:15 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.\

/2Tim 1:7 For God has not given us **a spirit of timidity**, but **of power** and **love** and **discipline**.

Spiritual power (nature of Christ), Virtue Love in Christ, having a balanced and organized life, centered upon the mind of Christ.\

Jesus Christ sacrificed everything and gave us everything.

Jesus Christ loves us and has given us everything we need in the temporal and all we will have in the eternal.

On the night Our Lord was so bitterly betrayed, our LORD took the bread and gave thanks. HE broke it, saying, THIS IS MY BODY I GIVE TO YOU.

The humanity of Christ was given for our benefit – as we take an eat the bread we recognize the perfect Lamb of GOD. The sinless ADAM, who came to save us from the slave market of sin, introduced into all mankind by the fallen, first Adam.

In remembrance…Let us eat the bread.

In the same manner we remember HIS spiritual sacrifice.

We who believe upon HIM never face separation from GOD - as we note that the LORD raised the cup and gave thanks. Saying, this is MY BLOOD.

The blood of a new and everlasting covenant, each time we gather together and eat the bread and drink the cup we bring The Lord Jesus Christ into remembrance until HE returns.

Let us drink the cup.

Let us pray…amen.