

## The Book of II Thessalonians

### Paul's **Ps.** To the Church

#### II Thessalonians 2:1-4

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

2 That 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.

3 Let 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;

4 Who 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.

**Author:** **Paul**

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**Key People:** Paul, **Silas** and Timothy

**Number of Chapters:** 3

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**Special: it's almost like Paul was writing to the church about the things that would precede the Rapture and how the church should behave until it happens!**

#### Outline

**I. Don't Be **Confused** (II Thessalonians 1-2)**

#### Paul's Greeting (II Thessalonians 1:1-2)

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 **Grace** unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. **Testimony of the church towards other church **members** (II Thessalonians 1:3)**

2. **Testimony of the church during the **hard times** (II Thessalonians 1:4-6)**

a. Your **patience** and faith in all your persecutions (II Thessalonians 1:4-5)

b. You're letting God take care of your oppressors! (II Thessalonians 1:6)

3. **Testimony of Christ coming to earth as **Judge** (II Thessalonians 1:7-9)**

4. **Testimony of Christ coming as Saviour of the **Church** (II Thessalonians 1:10 – 2:1)**

#### II Thessalonians 2

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

5. **Testimony **Maintenance or maintaining your testimony** (II Thessalonians 2:2)**

6. **Testimony of the **Deceiver** (II Thessalonians 2:3-12)**

7. **Testimony of Paul's teachings (**The Bible**) (II Thessalonians 2:13-17)**

a. **Salvation through sanctification of the **Spirit** (consecration)**

b. **Stand fast** in what you have been taught (The BIBLE) (II Thessalonians 2:15-16)

c. Comfort your **hearts** (II Thessalonians 2:17)

**DON'T ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE FRIGHTENED BY THE FUTURE – KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR GOD BECAUSE HE'S GOT IT ALL UNDER CONTROL!!!!**

## **II. Work for Him while we wait (II Thessalonians 3)**

1. Walk **properly** (II Thessalonians 3:1-7)

a. Be careful of those you **hang** around (II Thessalonians 3:1-2)

b. Stay **Faithful** to God (II Thessalonians 3:3-5)

c. The old ways are the **right** ways (II Thessalonians 3:6-7)

2. Work **properly** (II Thessalonians 3:8-12)

a. Don't work – don't **eat** (II Thessalonians 3:10)

b. Don't Waste **time** (II Thessalonians 3:11)

c. Eat what you **earn** (II Thessalonians 3:12)

3. **Watch** properly (II Thessalonians 3:13-18)

a. **Continue** (II Thessalonians 3:13)

b. **Obey** (II Thessalonians 3:14)

c. **Warn** (II Thessalonians 3:15-18)