

Presence Theater Church  
Bible Survey  
**Paul's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians**

In this second letter to the Thessalonians just a few months after his first letter, Paul must \_\_\_\_\_ a church that has been erroneously taught that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord has already begun.

**Who wrote it?** \_\_\_\_\_ is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy (1:1).

**Date of writing and Surrounding Circumstances:** \_\_\_\_\_

- The church fell prey to \_\_\_\_\_ teaching concerning the Second Coming. Many had quit their \_\_\_\_\_ and were waiting for the Rapture. Paul wrote this second letter to correct this error and urge them to settle down and get back to work.

**Key Term:** \_\_\_\_\_: This book was written to \_\_\_\_\_ who had been shaken by false teaching concerning the end times. The apostle's advice to "stand \_\_\_\_\_" applies no matter what doctrinal or practical challenge believers face.

**Location of Events:** As with his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians from \_\_\_\_\_.

- Book Outline:**
- I. Paul's Encouragement in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-12)
    - Thanksgiving for Their Growth (1:1-4)
    - Encouragement in Their Persecution (1:5-10)
    - Prayer for God's Blessing (1:11, 12)
  - II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Day of the Lord (2:1-17)
    - The Events Preceding the Day of the Lord (2:1-12)
    - The Comfort of the Believer (2:13-17)
  - III. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church (3:1-18)
    - Wait Patiently for Christ (3:1-5)
    - Withdraw from the Disorderly (3:6-15)
    - Conclusion (3:16-18)

**Summary in one sentence:** Whatever \_\_\_\_\_ believers face, they should \_\_\_\_\_ firm and continue living useful lives since Christ's return may be in the distant future.

**Summary in ten words or less:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cast of Characters:** *Paul* – settles a church in turmoil and \_\_\_\_\_; *Silas* – sends greetings along with Paul and Timothy; *The man of sin* – will set himself against all that is \_\_\_\_\_ (2:3); *The Thessalonians* – will be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God

**Verse to Remember:** *“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.”* (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. 2 Thessalonians is Paul's shortest epistle to a congregation. NOTE: Philemon is shorter, but it is addressed to an individual.
  2. In 2 Thessalonians, Paul also deals with the subject of withdrawing \_\_\_\_\_ from the disorderly. (3:6-15).

**What is my take away?** As with all of the Christian life, \_\_\_\_\_ is key. We should always look forward to Jesus' return, but we should also be busy doing good while we're here on earth. Jesus said *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.”* (John 9:4)