

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

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- ◉ Who wrote it?
 - Paul is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy (1:1).

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- ◉ Surrounding Circumstances:
 - The church fell prey to false teaching concerning the Second Coming. Many had quit their jobs 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.

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◎ Location of Events:

- As with his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians from Corinth.

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



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II. Paul's Explanation 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)

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III. Paul's Exhortation to the Church (3:1-18)

- Wait Patiently for Christ (3:1-5)
- Withdraw from the Disorderly (3:6-15)
- Conclusion (3:16-18)

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◎ Summary in 10 words or less:

- Christians should work until Jesus returns.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Paul:** settles a church in turmoil and error
- **Silas:** sends greetings along with Paul and Timothy
- **The man of sin:** will set himself against all that is Godly (2:3)
- **The Thessalonians:** will be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God

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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)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

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

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- What is my take away?
 - As with all of the Christian life, balance 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)

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◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in 1 Timothy this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.