

A Survey of Second Thessalonians

Stand Firm to the End

Suffering from Start to Finish

- The Thessalonian church began amid Jewish persecution and continued to suffer (Acts 17:1–9; 1 Thess 2:14–16; Rev 2:9; 3:9).
- Paul wrote to encourage the Thessalonians to trust in God (2 Thess 1:1–4; 1 Thess 1:1–7).
- God promised to avenge and glorify his people at the return of Christ (2 Thess 1:5–10; Phil 1:27–30; Acts 14:21–22; 2 Tim 4:6–8).

Fear or Hope?

- False teachers were unsettling the hope of the Thessalonians (2 Thess 2:1–2; 2 Tim 2:16–18).
- Paul affirmed that as long as sin remained the day of the Lord had not yet come (2 Thess 2:3–12; 1 Tim 4:1–3; 2 Tim 3:1–5; Dan 11:29–39; 1 John 2:18–22; 2 John 7; Rev 20:1–15).
- That the Thessalonians knew and loved the truth established their hope (2 Thess 2:1; 3:17).

Stand Firm and Hold Fast

- Paul **PRAYED** for the faithfulness of the Thessalonians (2 Thess 1:3–4, 11–12; 2:13–14, 16–17; 3:1–5, 16; 1 Thess 1:2–5; 2:13).
- The Thessalonians **PERSEVERED** amid persecution and error (2 Thess 1:3–10; 2:1–12; 3:1–5, 13; Heb 10:32–39).
- Saints **PATTERNED** their lives after the word (2 Thess 2:15; 3:6–15; 1 Cor 11:2, 23; Jude 3).

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