

**Series "Route 66"**  
**"2 Thessalonians"**  
**Book-53**

1 Thessalonians – "The Authentic Christian"

2 Thessalonians – "Encouraging the Authentic Christian"

**The Author** – Paul 2 Thessalonians 1:1.

**When Written** – Written about 51 AD

**Where it was Written** – From Corinth Acts 18:5

**Written To** – Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1:1

**Background:** 2 Thessalonians was the 3rd Epistle written by Paul.

**Purpose** –

1. To encourage them by expressing thanks (1:1-4)
2. To explain to them what would happen at the return of Christ (1:5-12)
3. To warn them about false teachers (2:2)
4. To calm their fears that the day of the Lord had already come (2:1-2)
5. To appeal for their obedience (2:13- 3:5)
6. To instruct them on how to deal with a disorderly brother (3:6-15)
7. To certify that the Letter was from him (3:16-18)

**Theme** – "Encouraging the Authentic Christian"

**Key Words** – Lord – 22 times, Day – 4 times

**Key Chapter** – 2 Thessalonians 2

**Key Passage** – 2 Thessalonians. 2:1-2

**Outline** –

1. 2 Thessalonians 1 Encourage The Suffering:

2. 2 Thessalonians 2 Enlighten The Confused:
3. 2 Thessalonians 3 Warn The Careless:

**1. 2 Thessalonians 1 Encourage The Suffering:**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 Encouragement of Praise:

In God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: In Paul's writings he uses this phrase and similar. "In Christ Jesus 48 times" "In Christ 34 times" "In the Lord 50 times"

Thankful for 3 Things:

1. Thankful for Your Faith:

1 Thessalonians. 3:10

2. Thankful For Your Love:

1 Thessalonians. 3:12

3. Thankful For Your Witness:

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Encouragement of Promise:

God's Promise To Judge The Wicked:

God's Promise of Rest:

God's Promise To Return:

God's Promise Of Justice: dealing out retribution "meeting out of justice; doing justice to all parties. The word also has the sense of acquittal and carries the sense of vindication."

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 Encouragement of Prayer:

Worthy – “having the weight of another thing of like value, worth as much”

We would balance our Position in Christ with our Practice in Christ!

## 2 Thessalonians 2 Enlighten The Confused:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 The Error of the False Teachers:

Coming – Greek word parousia “revealing, presence the coming, arrival, advent the future visible return from heaven of Jesus”  
This word speaks of the Rapture and the Second Coming.

1 Thessalonians. 1:10

1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18 Rapture.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5, 8 The Revelation of The Anti-Christ:

There are 3 Things That Must Happen:

1. Verse – 3 Apostasy:
2. Verse – 3 Anti-Christ:
3. Verses – 6-8 Restrainer:

1. Verse – 3 Apostasy: unless the apostasy comes first, The term apostasy – “Falling away, a departure from the faith”

1 Timothy 4:1-3

2. Verse – 3 Anti-Christ: and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

"That Wicked" - 2 Thessalonians. 2:3-8

Anti-Christ – 1 John 2:18

"The Assyrian." - Isaiah 10:5-6; 30:27-33

"King of Babylon." - Isaiah 14:4

"The Little Horn" - Daniel 7:8; 8:9-12

"A King Of Fierce Countenance" - Daniel 8:23

"The prince that shall come" (Daniel 9:26)

"The Willful King" - Daniel 11:36

Anti-Christ Will Be Worshipped:

Revelation 13:4

3. Verses – 6-8 Restrainer: And you know what restrains him now, Genesis 6:3 Days of Noah:

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 The Return of Jesus:

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 The Readiness of Believers:

John 15:16

The Bible does not teach "Double Election" No place in the Bible does it say that God chooses some for heaven and some for hell.

1. Don't Move From The Truth: stand firm "to persevere, to persist to keep one's standing"
2. Don't Let Go of the Truth: and hold to

2 Thessalonians 3 Warn The Careless:

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Wait:

1. Pray for Proclamation:
2. Pray for Protection:

2 Timothy 2:13

Revelation 19:11

2 Thessalonians 3:6-7 Walk:

That you keep aloof "Avoid, Withdraw"

1 Thessalonians. 5:14

2 Thessalonians 3:8-18 Work:

A practical evidence of conversion is giving! Acts 20:35

1. Idleness: Extreme of depending upon others to provide for us.
2. Making an idol of our work: Attempting to find life's meaning in our work rather than bringing meaning to work.

Galatians 6:9

Hebrews 12:3

Revelation 2:3

**Application:**

1. Waiting:
2. Working:
3. Well-Doing:
4. Wellbeing: