

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: 2 Thessalonians – verse by verse

**Scripture(s) for Today: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-6 – An urgent need is discovered for a second letter!**

Today's Message:

**"Counted Worthy"**



## INTRODUCTION

Today, we introduce our new book and continue the incredible history of the church founded in Acts 17. When the first letter to this church was delivered, they were encountering serious spiritual warfare. There was great persecution and great suffering for Jesus Christ's sake. Some Christians had been led to believe that the Rapture had **PAST** and the "Day of the Lord" and *great Tribulation* had begun. Paul was moved by the Holy Ghost to write a **SECOND** letter to provide clear teaching concerning the events that will occur prior to and during the Lord's return. This book is one of the most exciting prophetic books in the Bible! For it gives us a supernatural play by play for what is **SOON** coming on planet earth!

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. Overview of 2 Thessalonians \* FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION \*

**Title Means:** VICTORY; a surprise or unexpected victory.

**The Numbers:** Chapters: **3** | Verses: **47** | Words: **1,042** Ps 12:6-7; Prov 30:5

**Author:** PAUL \*Paul again includes co-laborers Silvanus (Silas) and Timotheus (Timothy).

**Historical Time:** **53 AD to 54 AD** (Likely written shortly after 1 Thessalonians in time of Acts 18.)

**Theme:** **How to Live in Preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Part 2)**

**Keynote:** This was written from Corinth shortly after 1<sup>st</sup> letter was delivered. Whoever had delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> letter had evidently brought back a concerning report; this was Paul's response.

### THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

- 1. Historical** Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to correct false teachings (+ related wrong emotions/actions) that accompany a presumption Rapture was past and Tribulation had begun.
- 2. Doctrinal** The model church in the last days must find its comfort, courage, consistency in a clear understanding and unwavering confidence in doctrines of the faith.
- 3. Devotional** When the devil cannot defeat a believer or his church with trials and suffering, he will attempt to turn the focus with twisted doctrine to confuse and dishearten. Right actions are preceded by right teachings.

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**OUTLINE STRUCTURE – Basic Outline**

- CH 1 *The JUDGMENT OF UNBELIEVERS at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ*  
 CH 2 *The TIMES and EVENTS of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ*  
 CH 3 *The PRACTICALITY of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ*

**MAPS****B. The Text 2 Thessalonians 1:1-6****#1. Grace and Peace – Paul encourages them; God sees their SUFFERING. (1-2)**

**GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!** (*We have not either!*)

- ✓ The Church is IN Christ! *IN God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 1:1,3,10,12,20*
- ✓ The Letter is FROM Jesus Christ! *FROM God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**GOD IS WITH YOU IN THE TROUBLES!** (*We are praying for you!*)

- ✓ God's GRACE is sufficient in your weakness! *Grace unto you ... 2Cor 12:9-10; Isa 43:2*
- ✓ The PEACE of God comes when you trust Him wholly! *And peace... Php 4:7; Col 3:15*

**NOTE** In this world, believers are promised tribulation, but be of good cheer, Jesus wins!

**#2. Growth and Praise – Paul praises God and believers for GROWING. (3-6)**

**YOUR FAITH GROWETH EXCEEDINGLY!**

- ✓ *In every thing* give THANKS! *We are bound to THANK God always for you...*
- ✓ Their *faith* was GROWING! *Because that your FAITH growth exceedingly...*
- ✓ Their *charity* was ABOUNDING! *CHARITY of every... toward each other aboundeth...*
- ✓ Their *testimony* was ENCOURAGING! *We... glory IN YOU in the churches of God...*
- ✓ Their *patience* was INCREASING! *PATIENCE... all your persecutions and tribulations...*

**COUNTED WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

- ✓ Their *sufferings* were EVIDENCE of God working! *A MANIFEST token... Php 1:28-30*
- ✓ Their *reward* would be in HEAVEN! *Ye may be COUNTED worthy of the kingdom of God*

**NOTE** Jesus: "Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven!" Mt 5:12

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