

7. Do you ever wish that a church member wasn't a church member? If so, why? What kinds of things might you need to change in your own life to love them like Jesus does?

8. How is the church supposed to be a place where broken people are healed and how are we called into that healing work? How are we supposed to help each other as the body?

9. In what ways is it our obligation to stand firm and hold fast? If it is God's work, why are we given this appeal? How does the church help us to stand fast?

10. How can we identify good tradition from bad tradition?

11. How is verse 16 Trinitarian?

12. In what ways is this prayer a good summary of both of Paul's letters? How can we apply this prayer to our lives, both in prayer and in practice?

Extra Space for Extra Notes: Good for you!

Welcome to CSC! (11/12/2025) 2 Thess 2:1-12

Review: The Rebellion

Tonight: Contrast to the Rebellion

13-14: Thanksgiving (the _____)

But – contrast

Contrast to the _____

_____ by the Lord

13-14: Thanksgiving (the _____ obvious)

Trinitarian Statements

_____ Statements Acts 4:12

Comprehensive Statements and First Fruits

Holy Portion to God, living sacrifices (Romans 12:1), Glorified in Christ

It is the work of God! God loved first, chooses us, sanctifies us, calls us, glorifies us. 1 John 4:19, John 15:16, 1 Peter 1:3, John 6:65, Romans 8:17.

15: An _____

Brothers and Sisters

Stand _____ and Hold _____

But to what, exactly?

Each other

The _____.

16-17: A _____

Trinitarian – Plural subjects, singular language

No _____ even in distinctiveness

Prayer rests on God's _____.

Content: Encourage and Strengthen

Application

Small Group Questions and Resources

*Please keep in mind that small groups are not expected to get through all of these questions. They are not required to “get through” any of them. Rather, please take these questions as an optional guide to help digest the message.

1. Go back and re-read the first part of 2 Thessalonians 2. What stands out to you as a contrast between those of lawlessness and those whom God chooses?
2. Does it ever feel like simply knowing that God loves us is not enough? Have you ever been so despondent that you had trouble seeing God's love and grace? If so, what restored you to both knowing and feeling the love of God?
3. What do you make of the various roles of the persons of the Trinity? Do these distinctions help you understand God's working in your life or are they confusing? Why would Paul highlight the persons of the Trinity in this section? Why is there no salvation in no one else? (Acts 4:12)
4. How are Paul's statements in verses 13-14 comprehensive?
5. How might being called a “first fruit” help us to understand the special place that we have as God's chosen people?
6. Why does it matter so much that these things are the work of God? Read 1 John 4:19, John 15:16, 1 Peter 1:3, John 6:65, and Romans 8:17. What do these passages tell us about the work and love of God?

Questions continued on the back.