



**SERMON SERIES: Route 66 - Word of
the Living God**

MESSAGE: 2 Thessalonians Overview

TEXT: 2 Thessalonians

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REVIEW

Thessalonica was originally an ancient town named *Thermai*, meaning “Hot Springs.”

In the Roman Empire, it became the capital of the province.

Thessalonica stood on the Egnatian Way (*Via Egnatia*),

...the Roman highway to the east, making it an important city of commerce.

The Church was born while Paul was on his 2nd Missionary journey when he had a vision of a man from Macedonia (Acts 16) saying, “*Come over and help us.*”

Paul and Silas stopped first at Philippi, where they peached, and a church was formed.

Then they went down the road to Thessalonica.

For at least three Sabbath days Paul reasoned in the synagogue with those present, and many believed the gospel.

Through incredible opposition the Church was born.

First, he wanted to encourage the Christians in Thessalonica who were making good progress in their new faith.

Second, he desired to correct misinformation about himself and his fellow missionaries that some of his critics in Thessalonica were circulating.

Third, he wrote to give additional instruction that would contribute to the Thessalonians' spiritual growth.

Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians for three additional reasons:

First, to commend them in the faith for their growth and faithfulness,

Second, to correct the doctrinal error about the day of the Lord, and

Third, to warn the idle to get back to work.

THE OUTLINE and CONTENT of 2 THESSALONIANS

INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

Salutation and Greetings (vs. 1-2)

I. **ENCOURAGEMENT** in **PERSECUTIONS**
(1:3-12)

II. **ENLIGHTENMENT** ABOUT THE COMING
OF THE **LORD** (2:1-17)

III. **EXHORTATIONS** to CHRISTIAN **LIVING**
(3:1-15)

CONCLUDING REMARKS (3:16-18)

Paul concludes with a prayer...a confirmation...and a benediction...

May we continue **steadfast** until the
coming of the Lord!