

The Second Epistle Of Paul The Apostle

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Relax in the light of the second coming of Jesus to

earth in judgment; the standing away will come first

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in our Father God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We owe it to give thanks to God always concerning you, brothers, as it is worthy, because that your faith increases exceedingly, and the love of everyone of you super-abounds to one another,

4 So that we ourselves boast in you in the churches of God for your cheerful endurance and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

5 A clear indication of the righteous judgment of God for *your* being entirely worthy of the kingdom of God, over which you also suffer,

6 Since *it is* righteous with God to give back pressure to those pressing you.

7 And to you who are pressed, relax with us in the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful *heavenly* messengers,

8 In flaming fire giving vengeance to those not seeing God, and those not attentively hearing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ,

9 Who will justly pay to those eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his strength,

10 When he comes to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all those having believed in that day, because our testimony to you was believed;

11 For which also we pray always concerning you, that our God may count you worthy of the calling, and fulfill every good thought of inherent goodness and work of faith in power,

12 So that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

1 And we ask you, brothers, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to be by our side, and our gathering together to him,

2 For you not to be soon shaken away in mind, nor be alarmed, neither through a spirit, nor through word, nor through a letter as through us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Do not let even one deceive you in any manner; *it will not come*, except there comes the standing away³ first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction,

³ 2:3 the standing away, *apostasia*, to stand away from, to take a stand away from. Falling away has become such an integral part of our vocabulary we may have difficulty making the change, but the Greek is *apo* = from, and *histemi* = to stand, to stand away from. What this prophecy predicts is the taking of a firm stand away from faith in Jesus as the one and only Savior. The government and the head of government become God in this sense that he says what is politically correct to believe about religion, and anyone who insists on the words

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4 The one lying outstretched opposite and lifting himself above all that is called God, or objects of worship, so as to sit in the temple of God as God, showing off himself that he is God.

5 Do you absolutely not remember that while being with you I told you these things?

6 And now you see the one holding down for the one to be revealed in his time,

7 Because the mystery of lawlessness even now is supernaturally working, only the one is holding down now until he comes into existence out of the midst.⁷

8 And then the Lawless One will be revealed, whom the Lord will cause to depart with the Spirit of his mouth, and will render inoperative with the outshining of his coming⁸ to be at our side;

of Jesus and the entire Word of God that Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, is the one and only way of salvation will be punished by the government which has usurped the authority to declare what anyone can and cannot declare about religion and God. Dan 3; 6; 7:7-9, 20-22; Rev 13; 14:9-11; 17-18-19. Many so called Christian groups have already taken stands away from and directly against the Word of God. It will be even worse just before His second coming, unless we are already there!

⁷ **2:7** Many commentators down through the ages have struggled to explain verses 6 and 7. The translation we have given is the most literal and exact translation, we believe, that can be given. Like many prophecies of Jesus' first coming could not be clearly understood until they were fulfilled, this one about His second coming and the Man of Sin will not be clear in exact detail until it is fulfilled. All we can do is translate it as exact as words not yet fulfilled allow.

⁸ **2:8 coming to be at our side**, *parousia*, coming to be alongside of. *Parousia*, *para* = alongside of, and *ousia* (*eimi*) = to be, thus, to be alongside of. It is used in verse 8 of the second coming of the Lord Jesus, and in verse 9 of the coming of the Man of Sin, the Anti-Christ of the last days.

9 Whose coming to be at their side is according to the supernatural working of Satan in all power, and signs, and lying wonders,

10 And in all deceit of unrighteousness in those being destroyed, because they absolutely did not receive the love of the truth for them to be saved.

11 And because of this God will send them a supernaturally working delusion for them to believe a lie,

12 That they all may be judged, those not having believed the truth but thought good of unrighteousness.

13 And we are obligated to give thanks always to God concerning you, brothers, beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning into salvation in sanctification of *the* Spirit and belief of the truth,

14 Into which he called you through our good news, to *the* obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brothers, stand firm, and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether through word or through our letter.

16 And our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, the one loving us and giving us eternal comfort and inherent good hope in grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and cause you to be steadfastly set in every inherent good word and work.

Stand away from every brother who walks disorderly

CHAPTER 3

1 For the rest, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run rapidly and be glorified, even as *it is* with you;

2 And that we be delivered from men out of place and evil, because all *are* absolutely not of faith.

3 And the Lord is faithful, who will cause you to be steadfastly set, and keep *you* from evil.

4 And we are convinced in *the* Lord over you, that the things which we order, you also do and will do.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

6 And we order you, brothers, in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ, stand away from every brother who walks disorderly, and not according to the tradition which he took alongside of us,

7 Because you yourselves see how it is right to imitate us, because we absolutely were not disorderly among you;

8 And we absolutely did not eat anyone's bread as a gift, but in toil and hardship working night and day, not to be heavy upon any of you, Note 1 Cor 9:13

9 Absolutely not because we do not have authority, but in order to give an example to you to be imitators of us,

10 Because even when we were with you, this we ordered you, that, If any willed not to work, neither should he eat,

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11 Because we hear of some walking among you disorderly, working not at all, but working around work.

12 And them who are such we order and call upon through our Lord Jesus Christ, that with silence they work, eating their own bread.

13 And you, brothers, do not be weary in beautiful well-doing.

14 And if anyone absolutely does not attentively hear our word through this letter, mark that one, not mixing with him, that he may be confounded.

15 Also do not govern him *to be* as an enemy, but put *him* in mind as a brother.

16 And the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every manner. The Lord *be* with all of you.

17 The greeting by my hand, Paul, which is a sign in every letter; thus I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with all of you. Amen.

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