



2 Thessalonians

Background

- Paul wrote this epistle shortly after 1 Thessalonians, possibly within a month, sometime around AD 51 or 52.
- This letter has three purposes: to _____ the saints amidst increasing persecution (1), to _____ false teaching about the return of Christ (2), and to _____ idle members of the church who were using the imminent return of Christ as an excuse to live unproductive, undisciplined lives (3).

Roadmap

1. The _____ of Christ (1)

- a. Affirmation (1-6)
- b. Instruction (7-10)
- c. Prayer (11-12)

2. The _____ of Antichrist (2)

- a. Affirmation (1-2)
- b. Instruction (3-15)
- c. Prayer (16-17)

3. The _____ of Christians (3)

- a. Affirmation (1-5)
- b. Instruction (6-15)
- c. Prayer (16-18)

Landmark

2 Thessalonians reveals how to _____ in _____ of Christ's return. Paul says, "Don't be spiritually nearsighted or farsighted." Clear focus on the end should produce faithfulness and obedience in present.

Must See

Jesus Christ is the returning Judge who will bring vengeance to an unbelieving world, including the man of sin, and vindication to the people of God.

Takeaway

1. Suffering does not diminish our ability to glorify God, it _____ it.
2. Doctrinal _____ has two companions: stability and positivity.
3. Enthusiasm for the end times should make us _____, not fanatical.