

A Journey to the Greek city of Thessalonica

Following in the
Footsteps of Paul

"After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
And so we will be with the Lord forever."
~ 1 Thessalonians 4:17

2 Thessalonians Ch. 1 & 2: "The Restrainer & the Man of Lawlessness"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2

- 1) What specific event is Paul speaking about in Ch. 2 verse 1?
- 2) In Ch. 2 verse 3, your Bible may use one of these two terms, "falling away" or "rebellion." What is the event these terms are pointing to and when will that event take place?

- 3) Who is the man of lawlessness? What does Paul mean in verse 9 that, "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works?"
- 4) Do we have any ideas as to what these "displays of power through signs and wonders" will be that'll be performed by the lawless one as described in the last part of verse 9 of Ch. 2?
- 5) We saw an order to the events of the rapture which Paul explained in his first letters to the Thessalonians. Do we see a similar order to the events that occur in Ch. 2:5-8? What are the events and the order of those events?

- 6) Why would God send people strong delusion in order that they can only believe the lie which Paul explains in verse 9?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.