

**"This We Declare"**

**1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians**

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*"he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:5-6, ESV)*

**God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)**

- II We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 – 5: 28)
- B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 – 5: 11)

**2. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Must Be Based Upon God's Purposes In The Cross, (vs. 14)**

**14.1) Belief In The Cross Is Required** **"Since We Believe** (Pres.Act.Ind) **Jesus Died & Rose** (Aor.Act.Ind's)"-  
*"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:9-11, ESV)*

**14.2) Belief Through The Cross Is Required** **"Even So, Through Jesus"**-  
*"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:13-18, ESV)*

**14.3) Belief On The Cross Is Required** **"God Will Bring Those Asleep** (Aor.Pas.Part)"-  
*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:29-31, ESV)*

**1) "These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. 2) It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (Jude 12-15, ESV)**

- 1) There are those who participate who will not be raised to life because of unbelief.
- 2) Those not raised to life will be raised to judgment & conviction.

**How does your belief in the finished work of Christ's cross affect your view of the last day?**

3. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper View Of The Living & The Dead, (vs. 15)
4. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper View Of The Order Of Events, (vs. 16)
5. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper View Of The Intended Outcome, (vs. 17)
  
6. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper Application Of God's Ordination, (vs. 18)
7. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Require Any Special Revelation; It Is Plain, (vs. 5: 1-2)
8. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Require Present Events As A "Trigger", (vs. 3)
9. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Protects The Child Of God From Surprise, (vs. 4)
10. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Is An Ontological Matter Not Just Theological, (vs. 5)
11. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Must Make Distinctions Between Persons, (vs. 6-7)
12. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Is Not Escapism But Marching Orders, (vs. 8)
13. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Mandates The Active Declaration Of The Gospel, (vs. 9)
14. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Focus On The Timing Of The Day, (vs. 10)
15. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Focuses On The Building Of Christ's Church More & More, (vs. 11)

C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)

- III We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
- A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
  - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
  - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)