

“Not The Word Of Men”

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)

- I. We must pay much closer attention to what we believe about God’s work of salvation, (vs. 1: 1 – 3: 13)
- B. God’s choice of His children for salvation results in correctness & purity, (vs. 2: 1 – 20)

13. The Gospel does not always prevent the schemes of the evil one, (vs. 18)

➤ **Exposition: 18a) Change In What We Want To Do** **“Wanted To Come (Aor.Act.Inf)”** – *“Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.” (Philemon 8-10, ESV)*

18b) Change In How We Do What We Do **“I Paul, Again & Again”** – *“Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. But we pray to God that you may not do wrong – not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.” (2 Corinthians 13:5-10, ESV)*

18c) Change In Who Opposes What We Do **“Satan Prevented”** – *“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”” (Zechariah 3:1-2, ESV)*

- **Illustration: 1) Clarity of Mission** **2) Clarity of Identity** **3) Clarity of Reckoning**
- **Argumentation: 1) “And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 2) For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 3) And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.” (2 Corinthians 11:12-15, ESV)**
- **Application:**

14. The Gospel produces a hope of spiritual fruit in the lives of disciples, (vs. 19 – 20)

C. God's choice of His children for salvation motivates believers to see God's work in others, (vs. 3: 1 – 13)

II. We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 – 5: 28)

A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 – 12)

B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 – 5: 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)