

Studies in 2 Thessalonians: Part One

Wed. Night Bible Study

2Thes. 1:1-4

Introduction to 2 Thessalonians

1. **Paul's Prologue** v.1 "**Paul**" (*Acts 17:1-4*)
 - A. **His Fellow-laborers** "Silvanus, and Timothy" (*Acts. 15:22, 36-41, 16:1, 20:4, 1Thes. 3:2*)
 - B. **His Fruit** "church of the Thessalonians" (*1Thes. 2:9, 3:2,5, Rom. 1:13*)
 - C. **His Faith** "God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (*2Tim. 1:11-13, Php. 1:19-26*)

2. **Providential Provisions** v.2 "**unto you...from God**" (*Jms. 1:17, Ps. 23:4-6*)
 - A. **His Favor** "Grace" (*Eph. 4:7, Pro. 3:34, Jms. 4:6*)
 - B. **His Friendship** "peace" (*Rom. 5:1-2, Jms. 2:23*)

3. **Pressing Praise** v.3 "**bound to thank God**" (*1Thes. 1:2-3*)
 - A. **Person** "God" (*Rom. 1:8, Ps. 44:8, Heb. 13:15-16*)
 - B. **Persistence** "always" (*Ps. 30:12, 71:14-15, 1Thes. 5:18*)
 - C. **Purpose** "because that" (*1Cor. 1:4-9, 2Thes. 2:13-14*)
 - a. **Confidence that is Expanding** "faith groweth exceedingly" (*2Pet. 1:5-8, Job 17:9, Jn. 15:1-5*)
 - b. **Charity that is Extending** "charity...aboundeth" (*1Thes. 3:11-13, 4:9-10, Php. 1:9-10*)

4. **Personal Pleasure** v.4 "**we ourselves glory in you**" (*1Thes. 2:18-20, 2Cor. 2:1-4*)
 - A. **Convictions under Persecution** "faith in...persecutions" (*2Tim. 2:1-3, Heb. 10:23-39*)
 - B. **Composure under Pressure** "patience...tribulation" (*Rom. 12:1-3, Gal. 6:9-10, Jms. 5:7-8*)