

# 2 THESSALONIANS

The second letter to the church of Thessalonica was sent \_\_\_\_\_ after the first. We know that because Paul, Silvanus and Timothy were together and that only took place at \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:1,5). Because \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christians in Thessalonica had increased, there were some false teachers who saw that as an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ them over end time prophecy. So they \_\_\_\_\_ a letter in Paul's name to do so. Paul writes this letter to give them reassuring evidence about the Rapture and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.

## Chapter 1

After a greeting (v1-2) Paul tries to encourage the church by telling them how he has \_\_\_\_\_ their stand for the Lord and Christian virtues to other churches (v3-4). Then in (v5-12) Paul tries to give them a proper perspective on the \_\_\_\_\_ they are facing.

## Chapter 2

The key to understanding (v1-12) this controversial passage is the \_\_\_\_\_ of it. The Christians in Thessalonica are under \_\_\_\_\_ persecution. So much so, that they start to believe that maybe they are living in the \_\_\_\_\_ period. False teachers were aware of that and started circulating a letter that they had \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's name to, that taught that they were right, the "Day of The Lord" was upon them. That was a common problem in the early church. So this passage is Paul revealing an intimate end time detail's to prove that the "Day of The Lord" had not \_\_\_\_\_ happened. Paul ends this portion of the letter (v13-17) with an exhortation to let his teaching settle their hearts and for them to keep \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Chapter 3**

Paul closes the letter with a \_\_\_\_\_ request (v1-2). Then in (v3-15) he addresses one of the problems that had been caused by the bad doctrine from the previous chapter, namely how some how quit \_\_\_\_\_ and become a burden to the church. Paul closes the letter with a benediction and tells them to look for the \_\_\_\_\_ of authentication.