

An aerial photograph of a busy crosswalk with white stripes on a dark asphalt surface. Several pedestrians are walking across the crosswalk, and their long shadows are cast across the stripes. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“Last Days Living: Back to the 2nd Epistle”

II THESSALONIANS 1:1-2

“Persecution can be avoided...if you want to compromise.
Persecution is suffering by choice.”



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- Recorded in Acts 17
- Paul's preaching led to a riot that drove them to Jason's house for a short time.
- Eventually, Paul wrote a letter from Corinth to these new Christians in Thessalonica.
- Date of writings – early 50's

The Birth of the Thessalonian Church

*Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you;
so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.*

Romans 16:21

I. Salutation (1:1-2)

II. Comfort in Persecution (1:3-12) – The Revelation of Christ

A. Thanksgiving for Growth and Steadfastness (1:3-4)

B. Encouragement in Light of Jesus' Return (1:5-10)

C. Prayer in Affliction (1:11-12)

Outline of II Thessalonians

III. Correction of Present Error (2) – The Rebellion of Antichrist

A. The Correction (2:1-5)

B. The Restraints (2:6-7)

C. The Career of the Antichrist (2:8-12)

D. Comfort (2:13-17)

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IV. Exhortations for Future Growth (3:1-15) – The Responsibility of Christians

A. Request for Prayer (3:1-5)

B. Discipling the Disorderly (3:6-15)

V. Conclusion (3:16-18)

Outline of II Thessalonians

1. Who sent these words to the church in Thessalonica?
2. By whose authority were they writing (or speaking)?
3. What was the author's desire for the Thessalonian church?

3 Questions of Our Text

1. Paul

2. Silvanus

3. Timothy

Who Sent These Words?

1. Paul his Greek name; Saul his Jewish name
2. His name means “little” (e.g., “the least of all the saints” in Ephesians 3:8).
3. Called himself an apostle (14x) but never in the Thessalonian Epistles
4. Wrote almost half of the N.T.

Who was Paul?

1. Silas his Jewish name; Silvanus his Latin name
2. A traveling companion of Paul's, accompanying him on his 2nd Missionary Journey (Acts 15:40)
3. Imprisoned with Paul in Philippi and getting to witness to the conversion of a jailer
4. A faithful brother (I Pet 5:12)
5. Met Paul at the Jerusalem Council and chosen to deliver the news of that council to Antioch
6. Served Peter and maybe delivered Peter's First Epistle (I Pet 5:12)

Who was Silvanus?

1. A disciple of Paul (I Cor 4:17; I Tim 1:2, 18)
2. The son of a Jewish mother (Eunice) and Greek father
3. Trained by his grandmother (Lois) and mother (Acts 16:1; II Tim 1:5; 3:14-15)
4. When pastoring in Ephesus (I Tim 1:3), he received the last 2 letters of Paul to help bolster the ministry and the man.

Who was Timothy?

1. Who sent these words to the church in Thessalonica?
2. By whose authority were they writing (or speaking)? The Father and the Son

3 Questions of Our Text

- When God's revelation is communicated to us through writers using their own minds and words

Definition of Inspiration

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

II Peter 1:21

1. Who sent these words to the church in Thessalonica?
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3. What was the author's desire for the Thessalonian church? That they would experience God's grace and peace

3 Questions of Our Text

1. Grace – unmerited favor (Eph 2:8-9)

2. Peace – freedom from trouble (John 14:27)

Vs. 2 and the Gospel