

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 March.....1Thessalonians 1:1-10.....Commended
- 2) 13 March.....1Thessalonians 2:1-12.....Shared
- 3) 20 March.....1Thessalonians 2:13-20.....Response Required
- 4) 27 March.....1Thessalonians 3:1-13.....Encouraged
- 5) 03 April.....1Thessalonians 4:1-12.....Demonstrated
- 6) 10 April.....1Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Promised
- 7) 17 April.....Matthew 28.....Risen
- 8) 24 April.....1Thessalonians 5:1-11.....Returning
- 9) 01 May.....1Thessalonians 5:12-28.....Living
- 10) 08 May.....2Thessalonians 1:1-12.....Enduring
- 11) 15 May.....2Thessalonians 2:1-12.....Observing
- 12) 22 May.....2Thessalonians 2:13-17.....Praying
- 13) 29 May.....2Thessalonians 3:1-18.....Waiting

INTRODUCTION

- Since the time of Adam, there is only one way to God.
- Whether one lived in the pre-flood era or lives during the Millennial reign of Christ or anywhere in between, people come to God by only one means, and that is through Jesus Christ..... John 14:6

Passage	Comments
2Thes 2:13-14	<p>God + Truth + Belief = Salvation + Holiness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's Plan for Man is to willingly accept God's unconditional love and sacrifice through the atoning death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ (Heb 7:27, 9:12, 26-28), which constitutes the salvation aspect of the Gospel message to mankind • We are chosen to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through willful belief in the truth of the Gospel – WOW – and are Called thru the Gospel – WOW • NOTE. This does not mean others are chosen to go to Hell. Christ, through the Cross "draws all men" to Him. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God is not willing for any to perish (2Pet 3:9). If one goes to Hell, they can only blame themselves. ♦ Recall Jesus told the Jews He was willing to give them life, but they were unwilling to come to Him.....John 5:40 • Are we sharing the Gospel with our friends, family, co-workers, and strangers in the hopes of being used by God to bring others to a saving knowledge of Christ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> When it's convenient
2:15	<p>Stand Firm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholics use this verse along with 1Cor 11:2, and 2Thes 3:6, to justify why their teachings are at least on par with the Bible, if not held in higher esteem • A better perspective of the unnamed "traditions", "instructions", and "ordinances" "signifies anything delivered in the way of teaching; and here most obviously means the doctrines delivered by the apostle" (source: Clarke commentary); and would equate to the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), which we consider to be the entire Bible and not the traditions of men.
2:16-17	<p>Comfort and Strength for Everything We Do and Say</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These 2 verses are a simple prayer for God, who has already given us "eternal comfort & hope" by His grace, to somehow positively impact everything we do & say • How would this prayer be answered? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We produce more spiritual fruit for God's glory? <input type="checkbox"/> Our words encourage and instruct more than before?

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Our salvation occurs outside of space & time and also within time.
 - ♦ We are chosen before space & time began through God's omniscient sovereignty..... 1Cor 2:7; Eph 1:4; 2Tim 1:9; Titus 1:2
 - ♦ Yet we are not sealed till after we believe (in time) Eph 1:13

NEXT WEEK: 2Thes 3. Paul closes out 2Thessalonians with several final admonitions to making substantial improvements

