



PAULINE
Epistles

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

Sanford church of Christ

Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

2 THESSALONIANS

WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST



1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1 – 2 (ESV)



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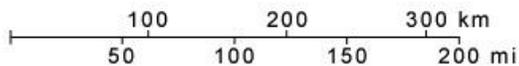
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VIA EGNATIA

- Via Egnatia
- Via Appia
- - - secondary course or connected roads
- - - sea route



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- The population of the city was mainly up of Greek gentiles, with a few Jews and Romans.
- It was a seaport city where large navy ships were held.

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- Paul came back through the city on his third missionary journey.



The Date of Letter:

- ▶ The letter was written by the Apostle Paul shortly after the first letter by him in around A.D. 52.
- ▶ Paul wrote the letter from Corinth.

Theme of the Letter:

**“The Second Coming of Jesus
Christ and Judgement Day”**

Key Words and Phrases:

- ▶ “Trouble/Tribulation” is found 4 times in the letter.
- ▶ “Thankfulness” is found 2 times.
- ▶ “Prayer” is found 2 times.
- ▶ “Judgement” is found only once but the theme is throughout the writing.
- ▶ “Son of perdition”
- ▶ “Day of Christ”
- ▶ “Withdraw yourselves”

Key Verses:

- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 1:7 – 10
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 3:14 – 15

Outline of the Letter

- ▶ Chapter 1: Be Prepared for the coming Judgement Day!
- ▶ Chapter 2: Be Ready to Stand Against the Man of Lawlessness!
- ▶ Chapter 3: Be Found at Work when He comes!

Breakdown of the Letter:

- ▶ Chapter 1: Be Prepared for the coming Judgement Day!
 - ▶ Paul's Thanksgivings for the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 1:1 – 4)
 - ▶ The Coming Judgement of Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:5 – 12)
 - ▶ To be continued...