

"This We Declare"

1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians

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"he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:5-6, ESV)

God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)

II We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 – 5: 28)

B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 – 5: 11)

3. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper Application Of The Living & The Dead, (vs. 15)

15.1) We Live In The Promise Of Christ Now!

"This We Declare By The Word Of The Lord"-

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me." (John 14:18-24, ESV)

15.2) We Live In The Work Of Christ Now!

"We Alive (Pres.Act.Part) & Left (Pres.Pas.Part) Til The Coming"-

"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened – not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee." (2 Corinthians 5:1-5, ESV)

15.3) We Live In The Hope Of Christ Now!

"Will Not Precede (Aor.Act.Subj) Those Asleep (Aror.Pas.Part)"-

"and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him." (Ephesians 3:9-12, ESV)

1) "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. 2) For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 3) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 4) When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 5) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 6) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:51-58, ESV)

- 1) The mystery of translation is revealed in Christ's Church.
- 2) Translation is to what is imperishable, not a new form of temporal.
- 3) Imperishable is the immortal form of the child of God.
- 4) Imperishable is given at the final victory over death.
- 5) The imperishable victory is only given in Christ our Savior.
- 6) The revelation of this mystery causes the believer to be steadfast & immovable.

How are you living today as though you will be translated in the very next moment?

4. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper View Of The Order Of Events, (vs. 16)

5. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper View Of The Intended Outcome, (vs. 17)
6. A Correct Understanding Of The Last Day Requires A Proper Application Of God's Ordination, (vs. 18)
7. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Require Any Special Revelation; It Is Plain, (vs. 5: 1-2)
8. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Require Present Events As A "Trigger", (vs. 3)
9. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Protects The Child Of God From Surprise, (vs. 4)
10. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Is An Ontological Matter Not Just Theological, (vs. 5)
11. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Must Make Distinctions Between Persons, (vs. 6-7)
12. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Is Not Escapism But Marching Orders, (vs. 8)
13. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Mandates The Active Declaration Of The Gospel, (vs. 9)
14. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Does Not Focus On The Timing Of The Day, (vs. 10)
15. A Correct Application Of The Last Day Focuses On The Building Of Christ's Church More & More, (vs. 11)

C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)

- III We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
- A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
 - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
 - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)