

Proverbs 3:5, 6:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;  
And lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,  
And he shall direct thy paths.

If fear is your motive then he cannot direct your paths.

Avoid senses faith by acknowledging Him in our planning.

Walter Cummins

II Thessalonians 2:9 – even he – needs to be supplied, FOS ellipsis that is axiomatically evident.

After – kata – in accordance with.

Whose coming – parousia – the personal presence is after the “kata”. Literally “in the power of”. This parousia is not Jesus Christ’s parousia but rather the antichrists parousia.

The working – energemata – energy

Of Satan – Satan here is used again like “Jehovah” is used of “Elohim”. It is the adversary’s presence in person in concretion upon the earth.

With – en – in the sphere of. In that whole sphere of power.

All – is every kind of.

Power – dunamis – potential power when released it becomes the signs and lying wonders.

Revelations 13:2 – power – dunamis – that energized power brought forth in manifestation.

II Thessalonians 2:9 – Sign – semion – the significance, the significance o the work wrought.

Wonders – miracle or wonder. Wonderful effects produced on those who have experienced or have seen the dunamis brought forth in manifestation.

Lying – pseudo – fake, false, hence a lie

This energized power of the antichrist is going to be in evidence in lying signs and miracles. The counterfeit has to be almost like the real thing or people won’t believe in them. The miracles will be pseudo miracles. The signs will be pseudo signs. If you don’t know God’s Word and have it really imbedded in your mind then you will be easily

deceived by the counterfeit. This is why the Thessalonians were first told to have a stayed mind and to be not deceived by ANY MEANS.

II Thessalonians 2:10 – deceivableness – a form of deceit. In the sphere of every form of deceit. This is in addition to the deceit of verse 9. It is getting pretty thick with deceit now.

unrighteousness – abikia – covers everything contrary to God’s Word. It means to cause to go astray. The going astray is brought about by seduction, another form of deceit. It includes all forms of seduction.

Them that perish – or the perished ones.

I Corinthians 1:18 – perish is the same word as in Thessalonians but this verse is talking about the righteous. So it is opposition to the verse in Thessalonians.

II Thessalonians 2:10 – because – this is the reason once again

Received – dechomai – They spiritually never received the love of the truth. In other words they might have heard it but they didn’t want to receive it.

John 3:19 – Can it be any clearer? Some people would rather walk in darkness because their deeds are evil. These people will not dechomai the truth.

II Thessalonians 2:10 – These people have no desire to receive the truth. They want to do wrong, they want to do evil so they do not want to receive the truth.

God’s basic will for all men is to be saved. But all men will not be saved because all men will not believe to be saved. And God being a just God will allow man the privilege of either getting saved or not. If he decided to be unsaved then goes into the category of the perished ones to become a child of wrath. But it is his choice.

II Thessalonians 2:11 – and for this cause – because of this

God – Jehovah

Shall send – many manuscripts us present tense here, FOS heterosis would therefore be in play here, the exchange of one tense for another. Here it is the present tense in exchange for the future tense that would be assumed from context.

FOS idiom of permission

Satan energizes and God allows it.

V. P. W. quote:

“You and I know from the Word of God that the true God does not send in the sense that people would say that the true God sent sickness and that stuff. His permissive will, yes. But because he permits it. Kids I’ll show it to you again and this is how it is all through the Word. Here’s the truth of the law of God or the works of God. Here is man by the

freedom of his will. Hits his head against it. That's why it says God sent it. Here's the law, what God has set. Now man by his freedom of will doesn't have to hurt himself does he? No, but what happens, he hits it up there against it. And that is why the Bible says God does it, like God brought the plagues on Egypt. Yes, he did, only to the extent that he set it up, as the true God up here and they bucked their head up against it. Same as I'd say to you, well jump out of the window over here if you want to bust your stupid head. And you say, "Well, I don't believe what Wierwille say." Well go ahead and see. Then you say, "Well, Wierwille brought it on me." You would be right to the degree that the Word of God sets the same law, same principle. Now, for this cause, because of this, Jehovah, Yahweh, I think it is in the Hebrew. In Greek, theos, the mighty one. You better put that there, "the mighty one" shall send them working of error, strong delusion."

II Thessalonians 2:11– strong – energeia – energizing

Delusions – plane – planet – to wander, in context a seduction from the truth into error.

This is a working of errors it is not the same as the working of false miracles.

A – the, it is not a lie it is the lie. The nature of the lie is in verse 4, i.e. the son of perdition that sits in the innermost part of the temple of God and pretends that he is God. If you deceived into believing or are seduced into believing that lie then you are committing the sin of idolatry. You will be breaking the first great commandment.

Romans 1:25 – “the truth of God for the lie”, that is the way it should have been translated. It doesn't matter what you worship, if it is not the one true God then it is idolatry.

John 8:44 – the devil is the liar and the father of lies.

Isaiah 14:12-14 – Lucifer was such a good liar that he believed in his own lie. He actually believed that he could be the Most High.

Ezekiel 28:15 – iniquity – acting in a deceitful tricking insidious manner. Lucifer, like all of God's creations was perfect until the lie was introduced.

The lie was first perpetrated on man in Genesis 3:4, 5, first he tells Eve that she “...shall not surely die:” and then he compounds the lie with “...ye shall be as gods...” First he got her to doubt the word of God, thus “stealing” the Word from her mind, and then he perpetrates the lie itself, the ultimate lie and sin of idolatry, thus bringing about the death of mankind, as they would soon be expelled from the garden to face death. The devil thought that he had permanently “destroyed” man as well, because he had managed to place them in a position of non-redemption. Thus completing his ministry of “steal, kill and destroy” on mankind.

They mystery of iniquity has two separate aspects:

1. Worship of other gods.

## 2. A false hope. (Thou shalt not surely die)

Romans 1:18-25 – The lie, which is plainly written verse 25 was shown to be introduced through the seduction of wisdom and the lusts of the flesh when the lie is believed it leads to every other sin.

I Kings 14:22, 23 – First you begin to worship other gods then you lose the hope. You begin to believe that there is life after death; you begin to believe in psychics and the false phenomena. All other sins like those of Sodom which was everything not just homosexuality, it was one of hundreds. Homosexuality, bestiality, multiple partners and other sexual adventures are merely a symptom of idolatry because you begin to “worship the creation more than the creator”.

I Kings 15:11-14 – In order to get right with God after you have believed the lie, you first must remove the sins and the behavior, people, places and things that cause you to sin, then you remove those things that perpetrate the lie. Basically you fix the problem by going in reverse order of how you ended up in sin. You work with the smaller things and move up to the big lie.

II Thessalonians 2:12 – That – in order that  
They – remember that we are talking about those that are the perished ones. Those that did not dechomai the truth.  
Damned – condemned or judged  
These people will be judged in the Day of the Lord at the brightness of His coming.  
Believed not the truth – not only did they not dechomai the truth they also did not believe it if they did hear it.  
But – in contrast to the truth  
Had pleasure – were well pleased

Matthew 3:17 – “...in whom I am well pleased.”

II Thessalonians 2:12 – unrighteousness – abikia – same as verse 10  
They were well pleased in lawlessness. In living that which is contrary to the true law of God.

II Thessalonians 2:13 – but – de – in contrast to the damned  
Bound – same as in verse 1:3 but in a different tense – “But (now) we must continue being obligated to give thanks always to or unto God...”  
For – peri – concerning  
You – There needs to be a comma after “brethren”.  
“beloved of the Lord” – is a parenthetical phrase

Beloved – root word agapao – hagapemenoi – This word is stronger than the word that you would use as a brother in a physical family, because God does a better job than the physical family can do. Therefore you read “For you, brethren, beloved of the Lord.” Loved more than any brother in the physical family.

Of – hupo – It’s the genitive of possession, i.e. “beloved of the Lord.”

Lord – kuriou – God

This “Lord” here is not the Lord Jesus Christ; it’s the Lord God.

God – theou – genitive

Because – hoti – for that reason, because of that reason

“God (theos) from the beginning”

from the beginning – apoarches

Hath – omitted in the text

The reason that we are beloved of God is because God chose us from the beginning.

Ephesians 1:4 – he hath chosen us from the beginning of the world

II Timothy 1:9 – he called us with a holy calling before the world began

Titus 1:2 – the promise was before the world began

II Thessalonians 2:13 – from the beginning – when tied into the other verses on the subject it is “from the beginning of the world, before it even began, God has called us with a holy calling to salvation to be holy and without blame before Him in love according to the promise that He made, before the foundations of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 – he hath chose us before the foundation of the world

Foundation – katabole (verb form katabollo) – a casting down, or throwing down. The word is still used today in Biology. The root is found in the word “metabolism”. In biology there are two sides to metabolism, that which is constructive and that which is destructive. The destructive metabolism is called catabolism.

II Corinthians 4:9 – cast down – katabole

Revelations 12:10 – cast down – katabole

So “from the foundations of the world” literally means “from before the time of the overthrow and subsequent destruction”. I can understand why the translation being “foundation” because after the overthrow of the world God had to rebuild so he had to lay a new foundation. But don’t take it literally it is really from before the overthrow in time frame that comes before the foundation. Do you see the difference?

II Thessalonians 2:13 – chosen – aereomai – literally chose for Himself. God personally chose out the accepted from the rejected before the overthrow of the world. Therefore he could foreordain because he knew before the overthrow that the day would come that you would believe.

You – is a collective noun

To – eis – unto, all the way. “continuing and ultimate salvation”

We are not only saved when we are born again but we go all the way to salvation at the gathering together.

Salvation – soteria – root word is sozo, which means “whole”.

The word used here means not only rescued from but restoration to wholeness.

This verse 13 is in contrast to the verses that came before. The choosing and salvation are in contrast to the death and destruction of the previous verse.

II Thessalonians 2:13 – sanctification of the spirit – corresponds with the phrase “belief in the truth”.

Sanctification – hagiozmos – by means of the setting apart of our spirit and belief of the truth.

Belief of the truth – may mean “faith” which is created by truth.

In other words you hear the truth of God’s Word, you believe it,

He creates that faith within you which is the sanctification.

Sanctification is the setting apart of our pneuma, which we know

is His gift to us; but it’s our pneuma, the new birth, Christ in you:

wherein is wrapped up all the nine manifestations.

II Thessalonians 2:14 – whereunto – eisho – unto which

He called – God did the calling, we did the answering by believing.

By – dia – through

Gospel – good news. The good news is God’s means for the realization and attainment in time.

God calls people by means of the preaching of the gospel. That is a great responsibility on the shoulders of believers. If you never tell people the good news they will not be saved.

II Thessalonians 2:14 – to the obtaining – same word as purchased possession or full obtaining.

Of the glory – is in the genitive singular. The glory that God

had, he gave to the Lord Jesus Christ. And with the Lord Jesus

Christ in us we already have God’s glory. We’re already

seated in the heavenlies, but the fulfillment of that in practice

will only be with the gathering together.

“To the full possession of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

II Thessalonians 2:15 – therefore – because of all the things that you have been taught both verbally and written, therefore

This does not mean to defend yourself, like a defense on the negative side, it is like a tree is rooted and grounded as in Ephesians. It just doesn't budge; it hangs in there and stands.

Brethren – believers

Here you have the final order. Therefore, because of all of this, stand.

Fast – has to go with the word “hold” because you stand fast and you hold fast. Holding fast is the outreach, similar to the limbs of that tree and all of its branches, twigs and leaves stretching out and then the stand fast is like the roots that are grounded. The traditions are exerted strength.

Traditions – paradosis

When you hold fast onto the truth with exerted strength and outreach and stay put continuously, it becomes like a tradition where you're standing for the truth of God's Word.

There are three types of usages of traditions in the Bible.

1. Rabbinical tradition (Mark 7:3-5, Matthew 15:1-7)
2. Heretical tradition (Colossians 2:8, Philosophy/world wisdom)
3. True tradition (I Corinthians 15:1ff, II Thessalonians 2:15)

II Thessalonians 2:15 – our – has to repeat twice because it is “our” word and “our” epistle

Word – logos – When God's total communication is given, either in the Word or in an individual, it will refer to it as the logos. Paul must have taught those Thessalonians well for him to use the word logos here.

Extended Literal translation of verse 15 given by Dr. Wierwille:

Because of prior teaching and instruction both in person and by letter of what God has and will do, stay rooted and grounded continuously and hold fast continuously the delivered truth, which I brought, including all the teachings which I shared with you, either verbally or in writing.

II Thessalonians 2:16 – himself – it is “himself” that is emphatic in this verse.

Lord Jesus Christ – the emphasis is on the Lord Jesus Christ and what he accomplished and what he is still going to do with the return, the gathering together, the dead in Christ rising, the alive in Christ being changed, then his coming upon the earth with his saints.

People have trouble with this verse and try to use it to say that Jesus Christ is God. It doesn't say that, but because it grammatically places Jesus Christ ahead of God they have a problem with. The eyes of their understanding are darkened. The emphasis is on the work that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished and part of that work was in making God our Father. He is our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. So it is not so surprising that God is second grammatically in this verse. But people don't understand the Word of God so they just read into it whatever makes their doctrine work.

II Thessalonians 2:16 – which – should be who

Hath – omit

Hath given – gave (past tense)

Loved and gave – both aorist participles. God our Father who loved and who gave. All love is given.

God loved us so much he gave also. He gave his only begotten son.

Consolation – paraklesis – literally “encouragement and consolation along side of Him, not being pushed away from Him, not being at enmity with God, not being under the wrath of God. God loved and gave us everlasting encouragement. This is present tense because we have this right now and it is everlasting.

Along with this everlasting consolation He has given us the hope of His son's return and it is all by grace.

II Thessalonians 2:17 – Most theologians put the word “grace” at the head of verse 16. I think that it is exactly where it needs to be. Because of the greatness of grace, because god so loved, God gave, we have everlasting consolation and we have the hope of his return. Through grace, He comforts you hearts and stablishes you in every good word and work, 'cause it's grace that saved, and it's grace that makes it possible for us to live with good word and works.

Comfort – parakaleo – once again the preposition “para”, along side of. So rendering it “to lovingly and tenderly embrace”.

Parakaleo, means to produce an effect. Produce in your hearts an effect of exhortation, comfort and encouragement.

The two verbs in the verse, comfort and establish are both aorist and are optatives which means to express a wish or desire. So it is God's loving desire, through His divine favor, that we comfort our hearts. Lovingly and tenderly He embraces us.

Heart – the innermost part of our being, the whole fiber of your being.

Stablish – to strengthen to the end that you do not vacillate, plus increasing you ability and capacity to full maturity. An established heart does not get wishy-washy all the time. It stands fast and does not waver on the Word of God.



Word – speech, work/deed. “In all of you speech and in all of your deeds or actions”

He strengthens us to the end that we must never vacillate. We stand on the Word. If we do not vacillate, then we will increase our capacity and our ability to full maturity. If a man or woman vacillates on the Word of God they cannot grow to maturity. We know that we have grown up when all of our speech and all of our actions are nothing but the Word of God. That doesn't mean that we are standing on a street corner doing nothing but preaching all the time. But our actions and words reflect the Word. People can read our lives as if they were reading the Word.