

**"Not The Word Of Men"**

**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)**

- I. We must pay much closer attention to what we believe about God's work of salvation, (vs. 1: 1 - 3: 13)
- B. God's choice of His children for salvation results in correctness & purity, (vs. 2: 1 - 20)
- 8. The Gospel of salvation can only be found in the word of God at work, (vs. 13)

*"So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:9-13, ESV)*

9. The Gospel of salvation will result in the material change of those who believe, (vs. 14)
10. The Gospel of salvation will be dealt with harshly by organized religion, (vs. 15)
11. The Gospel of salvation will be censored by those who oppose its truth, (vs. 16)

C. God's choice of His children for salvation motivates believers to see God's work in others, (vs. 3: 1 - 13)

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

A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 - 12)

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