II Thessalonians Outline

I. Paul’s Encouragement in Persecution  
   Ch. 1  
   A. Thanksgiving for their growth :1-4  
   B. Encouragement in their persecution :5-10  
   C. Prayer for God’s blessing :11-12

II. Paul’s Explanation of the Day of the Lord  
   Ch. 2  
   A. Events preceding the Day :1-12  
      1. A Falling Away :1-3a  
      2. Man of Sin is revealed :3b-5  
      3. Restrainer taken out of the way :6-7  
      4. Second Coming of Christ :8-12  
   B. The Comfort of the believer on the Day of the Lord :13-17

III. Paul’s Exhortation to the Church  
    Ch. 3  
    A. Wait patiently for Christ :1-5  
    B. Withdraw from the disorderly :6-15  
    C. Conclusion :16-18

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II Thessalonians Thematic Outline

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven . . .

--has a two-fold purpose:
   1. to be glorified in the saints
   2. to render vengeance to the disobedient (Ch. 1)

--will be preceded by the Falling Away and
   by the revelation of the man of lawlessness (Ch. 2)

--is a firmly anchored hope whose contemplation
   should result not in disorderliness, but in calm
   assurance, steadfast endurance, and
   strength-imparting peace (Ch. 3)

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**Pop Quiz**

Match the items in the left column with the correspondingly-correct items in the right column.

You have one minute (or less) to complete the quiz.

| # of canonical epistles Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church | 318 |
| # of commandments in the 10 Commandments | 613 |
| # of commandments in the Old Testament Jewish law | 10 |
| # of times the return of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament | 2 |
II Thessalonians One
Persecutions and Tribulations

A. Greetings :1-2

Cf. I Thess. 1:1 “in God the Father and . . .”
II Thess. 1:1 “in God our Father and . . .”

v. 2 . . . from God the Father and . . .

B. Thanksgiving for their growth :3-5

--Motivation: Divine

    Human

--Frequency

--Reasons: Faith grows exceedingly

    Love abounds

--Recipient: God

--Results: Boasting of their faith, love (and hope)

    Evidence of God’s righteous judgment
C. God’s Righteous Judgment

--Truth stated

--Time of the judgment:

When the Lord Jesus is revealed

--from heaven

--with His mighty angels

--in flaming fire

In that Day (v. 10)

--Nature of the judgment

Taking vengeance on

*those who do not know God

*those who do not obey the gospel

Punished with everlasting ruin

--Personal nature of the judgment

From the face of the Lord

From the glory of His power
Christ’s Second Coming and believers   II Thess. 1:10

To be glorified in His saints

To be marveled at among those who believe
D. Paul’s Prayer for the Thessalonians :11-12

Frequency: “always” continually, regularly

Requests: that God would

--count you worthy of this calling (cf. v. 5)

--fulfill all (or every)
* good pleasure of goodness
* work of faith

Result: “the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in you, and you in Him!

Means: grace, pure grace

“according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”