

Williamsburg Community Chapel Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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The Book of 2 Thessalonians



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2 Thessalonians is
our reminder to wait
well for Christ's return.



Thessalonica

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (A.D. 49-51)

Background of 2 Thessalonians

- ***Authors:*** Paul, Silas, & Timothy.
- ***Date:*** c. A.D. 52
- ***Recipients:*** The Church at Thessalonica, which Paul planted during his second missionary journey (c. A.D. 49-51; see *Acts 17:1-9*)
- ***Purpose:*** To *correct false teaching* about the return of Christ and to *encourage faithful and diligent living* until the return of Christ.

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2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

1) God gives us His peace (3:16a).

Philippians 4:6-7:

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

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1) God gives us His peace (3:16a).

John 16:33:

*“I have said these things to you, **that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.**”*

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2) God gives us His presence (3:16b).

Philippians 4:8-9:

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (9) What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, **and the God of peace will be with you.***

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2) God gives us His presence (3:16b).

Matthew 28:20:

*“And behold, I am with you always (lit. “all the days”),
to the end of the age.”*

Jesus loves you ... Jesus is with you ... Jesus is the King!

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3) God gives us His Word (3:17).

- **Amanuensis** (“within hand’s reach”)
- See also: *1 Corinthians 16:21; Galatians 6:11; Colossians 4:18 (Tertius perhaps; Romans 16:22)*

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4) God gives us His grace (3:18).

1 Thessalonians 5:28:

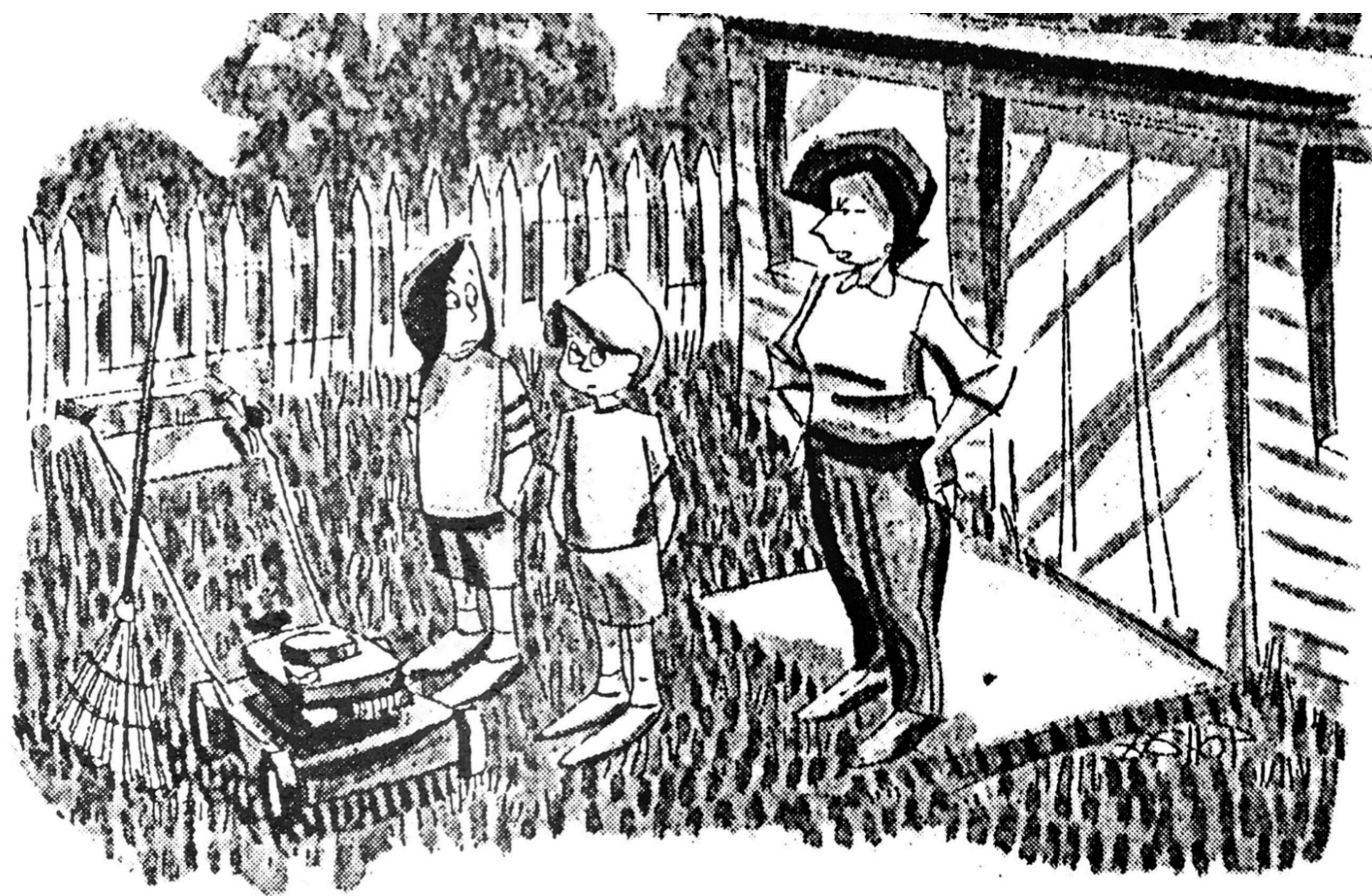
*The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

2 Thessalonians 1:2:

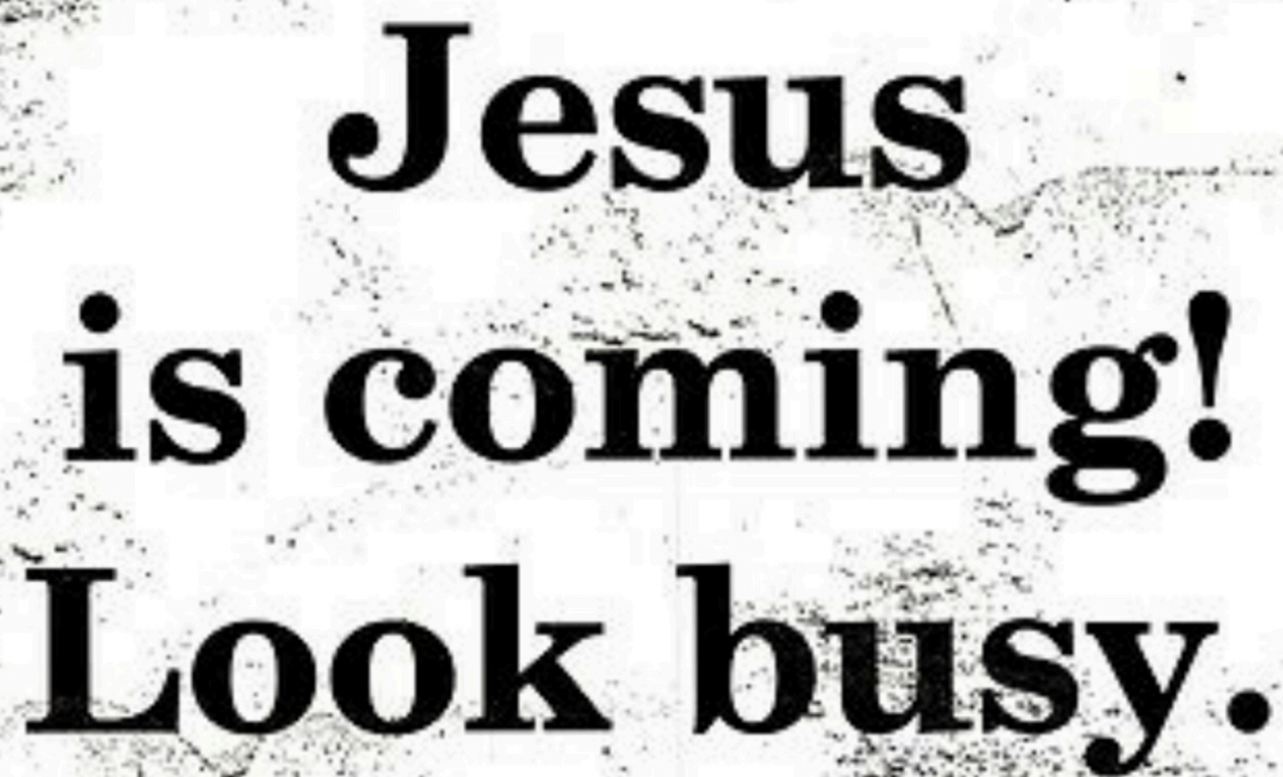
***Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Summary of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

- ***What*** are you waiting for?
- ***How*** are you waiting for it?
- ***How Do We Wait Well?***



“Yes, it is exciting how near the minister thinks the Second Coming is, and, no, in that case mowing the lawn would *not* be a waste of time.”



**Jesus
is coming!
Look busy.**

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How Do We Wait Well?

1) Grow Deeper through Prayer

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray without ceasing***

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- Morning, Midday, Evening prayers
- 5 days a week for 10 weeks.
- ***Begins June 17th***

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How Do We Wait Well?

1) Grow Deeper through Prayer

2) Grow Deeper through the Word.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13:** *And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received **the word of God, which you heard from us**, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, **the word of God, which is at work in you believers.***

Psalm 1:1-3

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners nor sits in the seat of scoffers (2) but **his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.** (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

If we're going to be who God wants us to be,
then we've got to be in God's Word.

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How Do We Wait Well?

- 1) Grow Deeper through Prayer**
 - 2) Grow Deeper through the Word.**
 - 3) Grow Deeper through Serving.**
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13: *As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.***

Summary of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

“Remember that God is at work in all things, that he desires to shape and transform you. Resist the temptation to zone out, numb out, or check out. Pain is purposeful when we respond to God with open and receptive hearts in the midst of deep trial. God intends to grow something beautiful and deep and lasting, but we must cooperate with God for the season of hardship to work its intended transformation. Don't let your detour go wasted. You are in training, and God is up to something good.”

- Jeff Manion, The Land Between

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Discussion Time:

- 1) What challenges are you experiencing as you “wait”?
- 2) How can you more fully experience God’s peace, presence, Word, and grace as you “wait?”
- 3) How can you can pray for the men around your table throughout the Summer?
- 4) Consider filling out the **Survey** for Fall 2019

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- **Next Time:** September 6th!
- **1 & 2 Thessalonians** *call us to wait well for Christ's return.*
- Have a great Summer of waiting well!

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