

# 2nd Thessalonians 5-22-22

3:10 May the Lord of Peace himself give you  
peace always in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thess 1:1-12

Hellfire

2 Thess 2:1-12

Man of Lawlessness

† 2 Thess 2:13-3:16

Lord Be with You All

*next week*

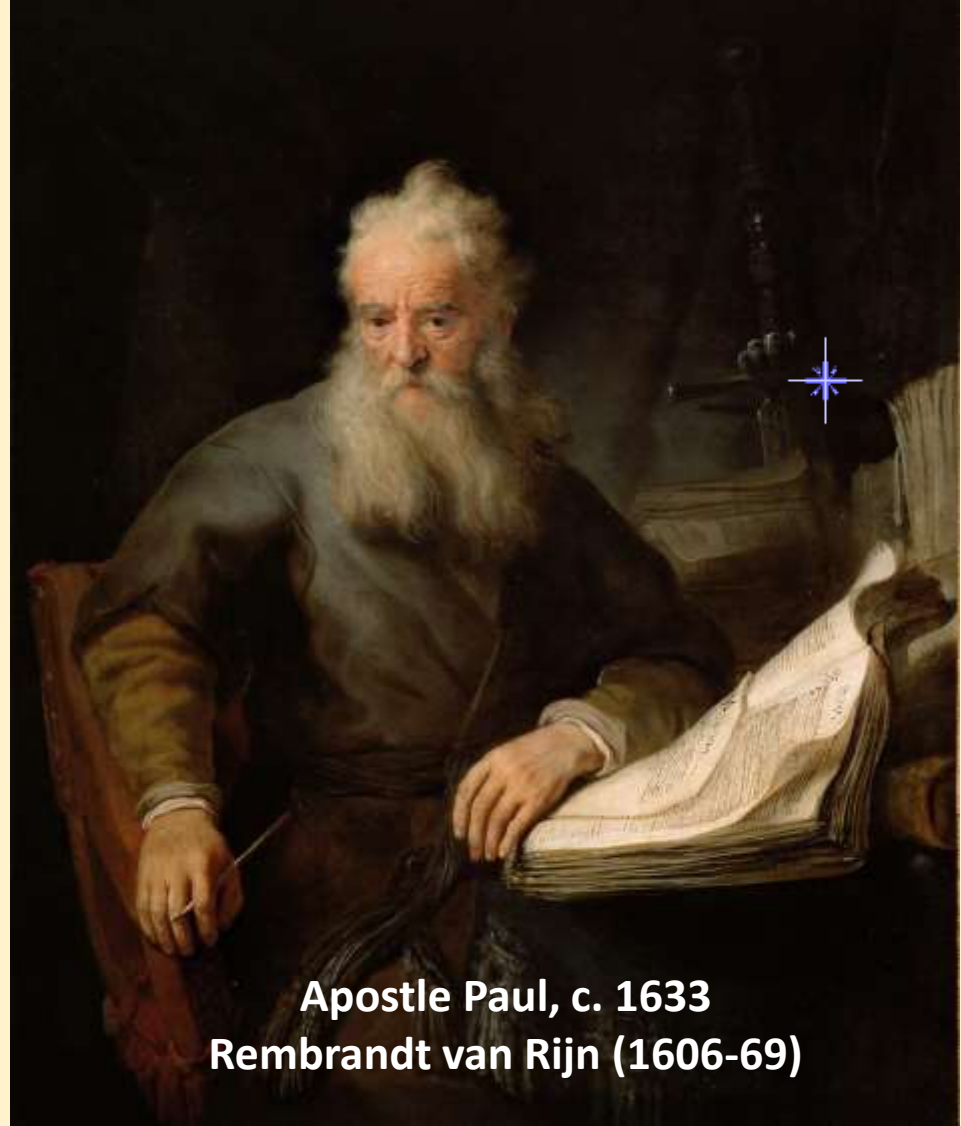
Rev. 21-22

Heaven—Our Everlasting Rest

we shall be with him

forever &

forever



Apostle Paul, c. 1633

Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)

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Alternate Title

# Lord Be With You All



# Pax Romana ... or Peace of Rome



Augustus

**From Augustus in 27 B.C. through**

**Marcus Aurelius to A.D. 180 ... last of Five “Good” Emperors**

*if you don't count torturing & killing of Christians*

**Rome ... ruled by force of government genius**

**movie Gladiator ... said Rome ruled 1/4th world's population**

**Pagan Lord's of the**

**Western World for 300+ Years!**

1/4th World today would be 2 Billion

5-19-22 🌍 World Population

7,896,600,334

Unlike A.D. 50—**TODAY**, we have the *ability* for a One-World Gov

We *already* have 100+ Worldwide INDUSTRIES

We *already* have Worldwide Media & Social Media

We *already* have 10,000 Master Magicians ...

World has never been more *RIPE* for the

**Man of Lawlessness ~ AntiChrist ~ Beast**



Nor has the world been in greater need for the

# Lord of Peace





From **HELL** to **Lawless One** to **Four Farewells**

**From Pax Romana—Peace of Rome to the  
Peace of Christ**

**infrastructure of Rome Aided the Gospel even in persecution**

**2 Thess 2:13 – 3:18 - - - has **FOUR Farewells****

- I. 2:13-17 Thank God Who Called You—Be Good**
- II. 3:1-6 Pray for Us—Word Spreads, Lord Guards**
- III. 3:6-15 Keep Away from the Idle – Work & Eat**
- IV. 3:16-18 Lord Be with You in the Peace of Christ**

**interesting to know in these verses that 12x Paul uses**

**Lord / Lord Jesus Christ**

## From **HELL** to **Lawless One** to **Four Farewells**

### **I.** 2 Thess 2:13-17 **Thank God Who Called You—Be Good**

<sup>13</sup> But we ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters loved by the **Lord**, because from the beginning God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the **Spirit** and through belief in the truth.

We could spend a lot of time here **Chosen** and **Salvation**


Paul does in other letters, esp. Romans & Ephesians

NOTICE the use of the word **SPIRIT**

Remember that **SPIRIT** was **NOT** used in 2 Thess 2:6 above

That **“WHAT restrains”** the AntiChrist is **NOT the SPIRIT**

**That is, PAUL was purposely cryptic in 2:6**



**13 But we ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.**

**14 He called you to this through our gospel, so that you might obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Paul notes their CHOSEN and CALLED ... to obtain the**

**Glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Perhaps the hardest of all to grasp this side of heaven ...**

**How the Sovereignty of God, Our Free Will, and the**

**Chosen for Salvation or Election Synchronize in the**

**One Mystery of Salvation**



One look at that is through my book

## Heart of the Living God

That was a fun ride ...

I do not solve the problem ...

Yet, one thing I THINK I make clear is that

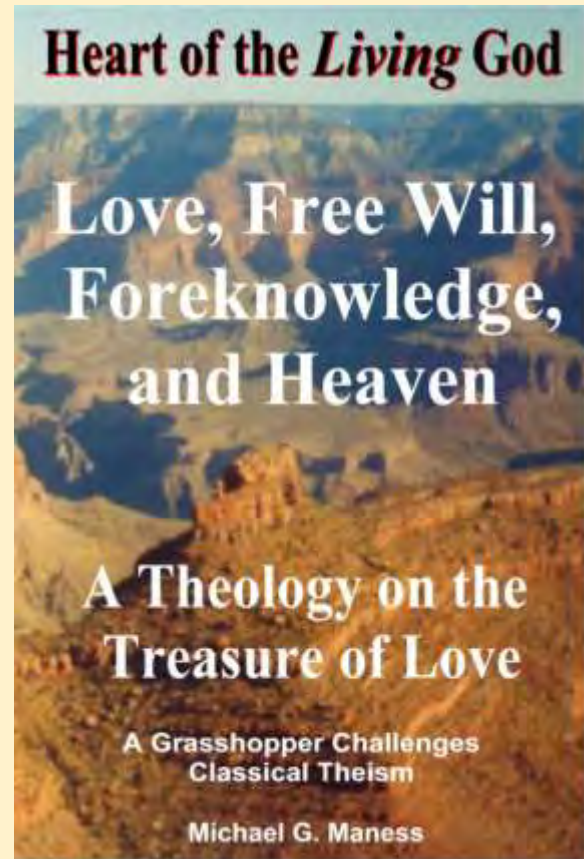
Any Kind of True Love to & from God MUST

## Entail Some Kind of Free Will

Can see more here > [www.PreciousHeart.net/foreknowledge/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/foreknowledge/)

Even did a PowerPoint on some of it ...

Authenticity of Love depends upon some Free Will



Therefore, in the light of the Thessalonians being  
**Chosen for Salvation & Called to the Gospel**

Paul continues:

**<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught, whether by what we said or what we wrote.**

**<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.**

Much ado has been made over “traditions” spoken/written

**First Farewell – Paul ENCOURAGES via the PAST Teaching**



From **HELL** to **Lawless One** to **Four Farewells**

**II.** 2 Thess 3:1-6 **Pray for Us—Word Spreads, Lord Guards**

<sup>1</sup> In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the **Lord** may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith.

**WHO?**—people that deceive, trick, connive *against* the Gospel

<sup>3</sup> But the **Lord** is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

**Lord is every ready to strengthen against Satan's wiles**

As in 1 Thess ... so too in 2 Thess, Paul **Loves** **THEIR Faith**



## II. 2 Thess 3:1-6 **Pray for Us—Word Spreads, Lord Guards**

<sup>4</sup> We have confidence in the **Lord** about you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command.

<sup>5</sup> May the **Lord** direct your hearts to

**God's Love and Christ's Endurance.**

As in 1 Thess ... again in 2 Thess ... Paul repeatedly affirms  
Paul almost pleads for them to **SEE THEIR OWN FAITH**

**2nd Farewell – Paul ENCOURAGES in *their* PRESENT**

**Presence with God in Christ**

## From **HELL** to **Lawless One** to **Four Farewells**

### **III.** 2 Thess 3:6-15 **Keep Away from the Idle – Work & Eat**

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, to keep away from every brother or sister who is idle and does not live according to the tradition received from us.

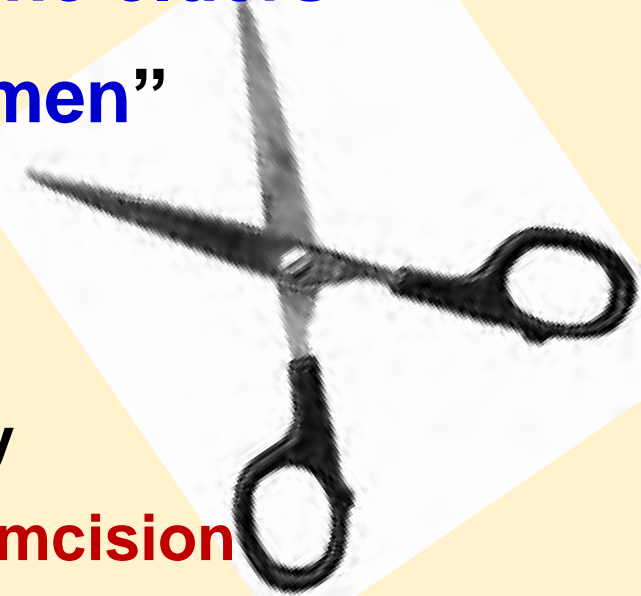
- ✓ Matt 15:2, Mark 7:3 & 7:5: “**tradition of the elders**”
- ✓ Mark 7:8 in the negative: “**tradition of men**”

“Tradition” also several times translated “Teaching”

Paul refers to Tradition/Teaching of his 3-week visit

perhaps Jerusalem Council prior to his 2nd Journey

*remember Galatians & 1 & 2 Corinthians ... **circumcision***



### III. 2 Thess 3:6-15 **Keep Away from Idle – Work & Eat**

<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you should imitate us:  
We were **NOT IDLE** among you;

<sup>8</sup> we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead,  
we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that  
we would **NOT** be a **BURDEN** to any of you.

<sup>9</sup> It is not that we don't have the right to support,  
but we did it to make ourselves an example  
to **YOU** so that **YOU** would **IMITATE** us.

Pagans ... so **PAGAN** in their **OLD LIFE**

Paul felt **GREAT NEED** to treat them **DELICATELY**

Remember 1 Thess ... he said as **a Nursing Mother**





### **III. 2 Thess 3:6-15 Keep Away from Idle – Work & Eat**

**10 In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you:**

**“If anyone isn’t willing to work, he should not eat.”**

**11 For we hear that there are some among you who are idle. They are not busy but busybodies.**

**12 Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and provide for themselves.**

**Tough Love ... Responsibility ... Embarrassing**

**There is a TOUGH balance ... to **LOVING****

### III. 2 Thess 3:6-15 **Keep Away from Idle – Work & Eat**

**13 But as for you, brothers and sisters,  
do not grow weary in doing good.**

**14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter,  
take note of that person; don't associate with him,  
so that he may be ashamed.**

**15 Yet don't consider him as an enemy  
but warn him as a brother.**

*there are some who press limits again & again*

**3rd Farewell – Paul ENCOURAGES in the PRESENT to  
Avoid Lazy & Be Patiently Strong with the Rebellious**







**IV.**

**2 Thess 3:16-18 Lord Be with You in the Peace of Christ**

**16 May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you.**

**17 I, Paul, am writing this greeting with my own hand, which is an authenticating mark in every letter; this is how I write.**

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

**Paul's final message to young-in-faith Thessalonians ...**

**LAST ... BEST ... SUPERLATIVE ... word to his dear children**

**4th Farewell – Paul ENCOURAGES the FUTURE**

**Lord Be with You ALL**



**AFTER HELL and the Lawless One ... the Four Farewells**

**I. 2:13-17 Thank God Who Called You—Be Good**

**ENCOURAGES via the PAST Teaching**

**II. 3:1-6 Pray for Us—Word Spreads, Lord Guards**

**ENCOURAGES in their PRESENT Presence with God**

**III. 3:6-15 Keep Away from the Idle – Work & Eat**

**ENCOURAGES in the PRESENT to Avoid the Lazy & Be Patiently Strong with the Rebellious**

**IV. 3:16-18 Lord Be with You in the Peace of Christ**

**ENCOURAGES the FUTURE for Lord to be WITH Them**

**Then ... then there is Paul's very EXAMPLE**



After **HELL** ... after the **Lawless One** ...  
and **AFTER** the **Four Farewells**

Hopefully, you did not miss Paul's own **EXAMPLE** ...

his **EXAMPLE** in the past, as he worked as he visited

encouraged them to follow his **EXAMPLPLE** in *present*

encouraged to follow his **EXAMPLE** in the *future*

Look closely at the Four Farewells & **SEE** his very **EXAMPLE**

Unequivocally, indelibly, repeatedly—12x—for Paul

For us ... today and into the unknown future ...

**Jesus is ... and *should* be Our Lord**  
**Lord of Peace, Guardian of Our Soul**



Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
There is no Great is Thy faithfulness  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
As I stand below Thy great faithfulness, not  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love  
Great is Thy faithfulness, LORD, unto me