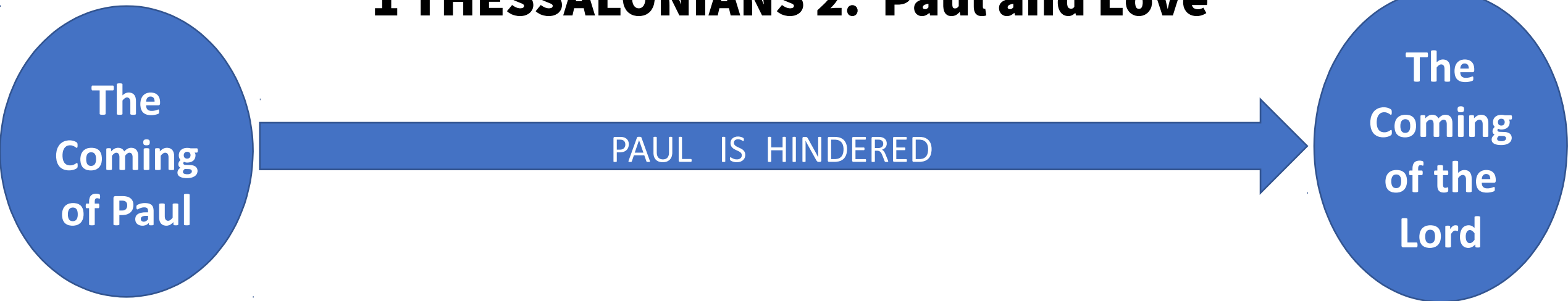


THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

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1 THESSALONIANS 2: Paul and Love



9. **1 Thessalonians tells us what to do between the coming of Paul and the Coming of the Lord from Heaven.**

10. **Remember how Paul's Preaching was delivered: IN AGAPE LOVE. (2:1-12)**

**AGAPE LOVE IS ALWAYS MOTIVATED SOLELY
BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST DISPLAYED AT THE CROSS
WHEREBY WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS,
THINKING NOT OF OUR OWN THINGS BUT OF THE THINGS OF OTHERS
FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF IMPARTING PAUL'S MYSTERY TRUTH
BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY THING
THAT BUILDS-UP AND EDIFIES BELIEVERS TODAY.**

1 THESSALONIANS 2: Paul and Love In Phil. 2

- 1. The Philippians were a well-functioning assembly (1:3-11).**
- 2. But this doesn't mean they were without problems. There seemed to be some discord/unloving relationship between two women in the assembly (4:1-4).**
- 3. Between these two passages, Paul writes one of them most amazing passages in Scriptures and the most astonishing Love Poem ever written—Phil. 2.**
- 4. Beseeching Grace Love (2:1-2)**
- 5. Definition of Love: Let each esteem others better than themselves (2:3-4)**
- 6. Lest you think you are above this, realize that this is the mind of Christ, that is what Christ did.**
- 7. Christ was in the form of God—was very God Himself—but He did not view this position as an opportunity to take form His Own interests but to give in service to others.**
- 8. He did consider His equality with God as something to be exploited for His Own advantage but for the advantage of others.**
- 9. He was willing to give Himself, pour out His fulness to enrich others.**
- 10. He set aside His divine perogatives, took on the nature of a servant by becoming human in order to bless humans. 2:7-8)**

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- 11. He humbled Himself by becoming obedient unto suffering and death, even the death of the Cross (2:7-8).**
- 12. Why did the Lord Jesus Christ do all of this?**
 - a. To unify the whole universe in praise of God around Him—things in Heaven and things on Earth.**
 - b. To unify believers in the Body of Christ around Him. (2:9-11)**
- 13. Likewise believers are to have this mind in them that was in Christ Jesus (2:1-4)**
- 14. The Christian Life is nothing more than discovering the day-by-day, moment-by-moment opportunities and applying this mindset in the situations and circumstances that come up.**
- 15. God has now given us His Riches in Christ, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8), and when we use these riches not for ourselves at the expense of others but in pouring them out for others, this is LOVE.**
- 16. This is the Pattern of Paul when he came to Thessalonica—he followed Christ, not using his riches in Christ and the riches of his apostolic commission for his own selfish interests but for the interests of the Thessalonians.**
- 17. Walking in Love means “Although (status), not (selfishness) but (service to others) (2:3-4).**
- 18. Although Paul had the status of being God’s Apostle for today, He did not use it for his own gain but in service to others. Rather, following the Pattern of Christ Self-Emptying Love, He was willing to set aside his own things (physical safety, support from the Thess., etc.) for the things of others—that they might be built-up in God’s Truth for today.**

1 THESSALONIANS 2: Remember

Thought not of own things but the things of the Thess. To impart God's Truth (2:1-2, 6)	Rom. 1:9-11
Paul's Preaching did not come with the characteristics of sinful humanity—deceit, uncleanness, guile, flattery, covetousness (1:3, 5-6)	Rom. 1:29-32; 3:13-14
God entrusted Paul with the Good News for today. (2:4)	Rom. 1:1-7
Paul was pleasing God who tries the hearts not man, not seeking glory of men. (2:4, 6)	Rom. 1:21; 2:5, 29
Paul came with the things of God—Gentleness, cherishing, affection; holy, just, unblameable. (2:8, 10-12)	Rom. 1:8-16

11. Remember how Paul's Preaching was received: IN FAITH. (2:13-16)

12. Remember Paul's Preaching and the future Coming of Christ: IN HOPE. (2:17-20)

14. While he is hindered from coming, they were to continue to Follow Paul—abounding in love toward others as he abounded in love towards them looking forward to the Coming that Satan can't hinder—the Coming of Christ.

15. At that Coming Paul and the Thessalonians will be together again. (3:11-13)

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12. **Remember that they are Paul's glory and rejoicing at Christ's coming. (2:17-20)**

13. **In the meantime he is sending Timothy to establish and comfort them in Mystery Truth (3:1-10; Rom. 1:11- 16; 16:25)**

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