

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS**

Message Fourteen

Glory in 2 Thessalonians

Scripture Reading: 2 Thes. 1:10, 12; 2:14; Col. 1:27; Heb. 2:10

2 Thes. 1:10—When He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all those who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed) in that day.

2 Thes. 1:12—So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thes. 2:14—To which also He called you through our gospel unto the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:27—To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Heb. 2:10—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

I. Second Thessalonians 2:14 says, “To which also He called you through our gospel unto the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ”:

A. The words *to which* refer to salvation in sanctification and belief of the truth, as mentioned in verse 13.

2 Thes. 2:13—But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,

B. In eternity God chose us unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and then in time He called us unto the obtaining of the glory of our Lord:

1. Salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth is the procedure.
2. The obtaining of the glory of our Lord is the goal:
 - a. The glory of the Lord is that He, as the Son of God the Father, possesses the Father's life and nature to express Him.
 - b. To obtain the Lord's glory is to be in the same position as the Son of God that we may express the Father.

II. God has called us unto the obtaining of the glory of the Lord Jesus:

- A. The glory that the Father gave to the Son (John 17:22) is the sonship with the Father's life and divine nature (5:26) to express the Father in His fullness (1:18; 14:9; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:3).

John 17:22—And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one;

John 5:26—For just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave to the Son to also have life in Himself;

John 1:18—No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

John 14:9—Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *is it that* you say, Show us the Father?

Col. 2:9—For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Heb. 1:3—Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

- B. This glory the Son has given to His believers so that they also may have the sonship with the Father's life and divine nature (John 17:2; 2 Pet. 1:4) to express the Father in the Son in His fullness (John 1:16).

John 17:2—Even as You have given Him authority over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

2 Pet. 1:4—Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

John 1:16—For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

- C. The glory of the Lord Jesus is that the Father has given Him the Father's life and nature to express the Father:
1. This is the glory the Son has given to us.
 2. This means that the Son has given us the Father's life and nature so that we may be able to express the Father.
- D. God has called us unto the obtaining of this glory, the glory of the divine life and the divine nature to express the Divine Being.

III. In 2 Thessalonians 1:10 Paul speaks of Christ coming to be glorified in His saints:

2 Thes. 1:10—When He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all those who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed) in that day.

- A. The Lord is the Lord of glory—1 Cor. 2:8:

1 Cor. 2:8—Which none of the rulers of this age have known; for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

1. He has been glorified in His resurrection and ascension—John 17:1; Luke 24:26; Heb. 2:9.

John 17:1—These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You;

Luke 24:26—Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter into His glory?

Heb. 2:9—But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

2. Now He is in us as the hope of glory (Col. 1:27) to bring us into glory (Heb. 2:10).
Col. 1:27—To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Heb. 2:10—For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

- B. At His coming back, on the one hand He will come from the heavens with glory (Rev. 10:1; Matt. 25:31), and on the other hand He will be glorified in His saints:

Rev. 10:1—And I saw another strong Angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon His head, and His face was like the sun, and His feet like pillars of fire;

Matt. 25:31—But when the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, at that time He will sit on the throne of His glory.

1. For Him to be glorified in His saints means that His glory will be manifested from within His members.
2. It will transfigure their body of humiliation into His glory like His glorified body—Phil. 3:21.

Phil. 3:21—Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

3. The Lord Jesus will be marveled at, admired, wondered at, in us, His believers, by the unbelievers.

- C. From Colossians 1:27 we know that we have Christ in us as our hope of glory:

Col. 1:27—To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

1. This indwelling Christ is the coming glory.
2. Christ will come from the heavens, but He will also come from within us:
 - a. The coming of the Lord is both from the heavens to the earth and also from within us.
 - b. For Christ to come from within us is for Him to be glorified in us.

3. Christ is now within us as glory:
 - a. But this Christ of glory is concealed within us as glory; He has not yet been manifested.
 - b. At His coming back, the Christ of glory within us will be glorified in us; this means that He will come out of us and will be made manifest from within us.
 - c. Thus, His coming will be a marvel.
 - d. This is the reason Paul says that when Christ comes, He will be glorified in His saints and marveled at in all those who believe.
- D. As believers, we all may have the assurance that we have Christ in us and that this Christ is the Christ of glory—v. 27:

Col. 1:27—To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

 1. We have Christ in us, and we are in the process of being filled with Christ.
 2. The day will come when the hidden Christ will be made manifest:
 - a. That manifestation will actually be the glorification of Christ in us.
 - b. When He comes out from within us, He will be marveled at by all the unbelievers.

IV. Second Thessalonians 1:12 concludes, “So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ”:

- A. The grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord Himself within us as our life and our life supply that we may live a life that will glorify the Lord and cause us to be glorified in Him.
- B. This verse speaks of the name of the Lord Jesus being glorified in us and of our being glorified in Him:
 1. Such a glorification will be according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 2. Grace is the processed Triune God becoming the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit for our enjoyment.
 3. It is according to such a grace that the name of the Lord Jesus will be glorified in us and that we will be glorified in Him.
 4. As we enjoy Christ, this enjoyment will cause the Lord Jesus to be glorified in us and us to be glorified in Him.