

# LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

A dramatic landscape with dark, stormy clouds and a field of bare, skeletal trees in the foreground. The scene is dark and moody, with a sense of impending doom or a desolate, post-apocalyptic world. The trees are mostly without leaves, and the ground is covered in a mix of green and brown vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon.

*2 Thessalonians*

# 2 THESSALONIANS 1:2-4

A photograph of a white, single-story church with a prominent steeple. The steeple is topped with a large wooden cross. The church has a central entrance with a double door and a small arched window above it. A wooden ramp with railings leads up to the entrance. The church is surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow and orange. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**“A CHURCH WORTHY OF THANKSGIVING”**

## **2 Thessalonians 1:2–4 (NKJV)**

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# Book Outline:

## 2. The book's purpose and argument:

### Observations:

- 1: 3-4 commend the church
- 1: 5-12 encouragement for the church
- 2: 1-12 correcting error in the church
- 2: 13-15 reinforce truth to the church
- 3: 1-5 request prayer from the church
- 3: 6-15 instruct the church in proper living
- 3: 16-18 blessing and conclusion



# Outline:

- 1. The Obligation of thanksgiving**
- 2. The Occasion of thanksgiving**
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# The Obligation of thanksgiving

## Summary:

Paul, Silas, and Timothy owe a debt of thanksgiving





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- 2) Their Love
- 3) Their Testimony



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# 1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NKJV)

12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,



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Is Paul giving thanks to  
the Thessalonians?

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# Application:



- Is your faith growing?

# Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



# Application:



- Is your faith growing?
- Does your love abound?
- Is your faith preparing you for trials?
- Are we a church worthy of thanksgiving?



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