

# Do I Love the Truth?

## A Study in Second Thessalonians

### Introduction:

1. This book was written to a church with questions about the Truth.
2. Paul describes four groups of people and their relationships to the Truth.
3. It all comes down to a matter of love for God and His Truth...

### I. Those Who Reject the Truth

- A. *Second Thessalonians 1:6-9*
- B. There are some who “obey not the Gospel.”
  1. Thus, they are not saved (Heb. 5:9).
  2. Hearing is not enough (Matt. 7:21).
- C. Their fate is judgment, punishment and everlasting destruction.

### II. Those Who Change the Truth

- A. *Second Thessalonians 2:1-5, 11-12*
- B. There are some who believe a perverted version of the Truth.
  1. Traditions of men (Matt. 15:1-3, 8-9).
  2. Pleasing men instead of God (Gal. 1:6-10).
- C. Their fate is to be consumed, destroyed and to perish (2:8-10).

### III. Those Who Obey the Truth

- A. *Second Thessalonians 2:13–3:2*
- B. This is because the love the Truth (2:10).
  1. They believed the Truth (2:13).
  2. They obeyed the Truth (2:14).
  3. They remained in the Truth (2:15).
  4. They spread the Truth (3:1-2).
- C. Their fate is to endure (1:4), to glorify (1:10-12) and to be saved (2:10, 13-14).

### IV. Those Who Abandon the Truth

- A. *Second Thessalonians 3:6, 11-15*
- B. There are some who obey the Gospel then later abandon it.
  1. They become unruly, out of step (3:6).
  2. They become negligent of work (3:11).
  3. They become meddlesome (3:11).
  4. They become disobedient, rebellious (3:14).
- C. Their fate is shame, admonishment and separation.

### Conclusion:

1. Every person is in one of these four groups.
2. In which group are you found?
3. The answer depends on whether or not you love the Truth.