

New Morning Magical – 8-6-20

Faith isn't for everyone

Let's pick up from where we left off yesterday in Verse 11 of 2 Thessalonians 2:

11 And therefore God will be sending them an operation of deception, for them to believe the falsehood,

12 that all may be judged who do not believe the truth, but delight in injustice.

You should know that nothing from verse 6-12 applies to you, other than you may live to see these events unfold. Those to whom these verses apply are, as Paul writes in verse 12, *"all who do not believe the truth, but delight in injustice."*

We live in such a unique and delicate time in history. Since the death and resurrection of Yeshua, the administration of God's grace began. In it, you and I can make choices. There is coming a time when choices end. Today, people can believe or they cannot; they can obey the Father's direction or they cannot; however, once this eon ends and Yeshua descends from Heaven as He ascended into it, grace ends. His rule is described as an "iron club"; that term suggests a no tolerance posture that is not negotiable.

This is the only time in which a celestial destiny is offered for the rest of the eons, however long they last. It is entirely voluntary, and it is entirely baffling to me how many people turn up their noses at the slightest suggestion that trusting the Father and believing in Yeshua, much less acknowledging Him as Lord and savior. The arrogance of human beings throughout history is staggering to me, and we see it all around us today ... How foolish, how futile, how pathetic.

Thank God that you don't live in that kind of abject stupidity; which is what Paul writes next, essentially:

13 Now we ought to be thanking God always concerning you, brethren, beloved by the Lord, seeing that God prefers you from the beginning for salvation, in holiness of the spirit and faith in the truth,

14 into which He also calls us through our evangel, for the procuring of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Consequently, then, brethren, stand firm, and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, whether through word or our epistle.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, our Father, Who loves us, and is

giving us an eonian consolation and a good expectation in grace,
17 be consoling your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

Chapter 3

1 Furthermore, pray, brethren, concerning us, that the word of the Lord may race and be glorified, according as it is with you also,

2 and that we should be rescued from abnormal and wicked men, **for not for all is the faith.**

Whoa, stop right there:

2 and that we should be rescued from abnormal and wicked men, **for not for all is the faith.**

“For not for all is the faith.” This is an easy phrase just to run right over, but look at how important a principle it is to grasp. Not everyone is even supposed to come to the faith! Some people are designated, if you will, NOT to be drawn toward the faith! This is by the Father’s design. Now, don’t ask me why; Paul doesn’t say; however, it’s obviously by the Father’s design to serve His purpose, and it’s important to remind us here that the Father’s purpose includes everyone, but not necessarily at the same time.

So, while the choices people make may baffle me, the reason is simple: Not everyone is gonna get this faith thing ... They aren’t supposed to.

3 Yet faithful is the Lord, Who will be establishing you and guarding you from the wicked one.

Again, the word “one” here does not appear in the actual text, so the correct reading is simply to leave it out: *“Yet faithful is the Lord, Who will be establishing you and guarding you from the wicked.”*

5 Now may the Lord be directing your hearts into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ!

6 Now we are charging you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be putting yourselves from every brother who is walking disorderly and not in accord with the tradition which they accepted from us.

7 For you yourselves are aware how you must be imitating us, for we are not disorderly among you,

8 neither did we eat bread gratuitously from anyone, but, with toil and labor, we are working night and day, so as not to be burdensome to any of you.

9 Not that we have not the right, but that we may be giving you ourselves as a model for you to be imitating us.

10 For even when we were with you, we gave this charge to you: that "If anyone is not willing to work, neither let him eat."

11 For we are hearing that some among you are walking disorderly, working at nothing, but are meddling.

12 Now such we are charging and entreating in the Lord Jesus Christ, that, working with quietness, they may be eating their own bread.

13 Now you, brethren, should not be despondent in ideal doing.

14 Now if anyone is not obeying our word through this epistle, let it be a sign to you as to this man, not to commingle with him, that he may be abashed;

15 and do not deem him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace continually by every means. The Lord be with you all!

17 The salutation is by my hand -- Paul's -- which is a sign in every epistle: thus am I writing.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen!