

# DEEP IN SCRIPTURE

*Verses & Notes November 1, 2006*

*2 Thessalonians 2:15*

## 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2

- 1: Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him,  
2: we beg you, brethren, not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited,  
**either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us,**  
to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3: **Let no one deceive you in any way;**  
for that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first,  
and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,  
4: who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship,  
so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,  
proclaiming himself to be God.
- 5: **Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you this?**  
6: And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.  
7: For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;  
only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.  
8: And then the lawless one will be revealed,  
and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth  
and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.  
9: The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan  
will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders,  
10: and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish,  
because they refused to love **the truth** and so be saved.  
11: Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion,  
to make them believe what is false,  
12: so that all may be condemned who did not believe **the truth**  
but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- 13: But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord,  
because God chose you from the beginning to be saved,  
through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in **the truth**.  
14: To this he called you through **our gospel**,  
so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 15: **So then, brethren,  
stand firm and hold to the traditions  
which you were taught by us,  
either by word of mouth or by letter.**
- 16: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,  
and God our Father,  
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,  
17: comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

# Discussion Notes:

1: Context

2: The term “tradition”

3: Misunderstandings of and misinformation about Tradition

4: Scriptural references to Sacred Tradition:

## **Matthew 15:3,6**

*1: Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,*

*2: "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat."*

*3: He answered them, "And why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"*

*6: So, for the sake of your tradition, you have made void the word of God.*

## **Colossians 2:8**

*6: As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him,*

*7: rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

*8: See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.*

## **1 Corinthians 11:2**

*1: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

*2: I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you.*

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6**

*6: Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is living in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.*

5: The importance of becoming deep in History:

**“To become deep in history is to cease to be Protestant.”**

John Henry Cardinal Newman

6: The Deep in History Conference: The English Reformation

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