


2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING




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Structure


- 1 – Commendation
- 2 – Correction
- 3 – Consequences



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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12


- Problem (2:1-2)
- Prerequisites for the Day of the Lord (2:3-12)
 - ◆ The departure (2:3a)
 - ◆ Advent of the lawless one (2:3b-4)
 - ◆ Removal of the restrainer (2:5-7)
 - ◆ Destruction of the lawless one (2:8-9)
 - ◆ Destruction of lawless one's followers (2:10-12)



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Thessalonians' Prayer for Paul


- A. Effectiveness (1)
- B. Deliverance (2)



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- A. Protection from Satan (3)
- B. Continued obedience (4)
- C. Greater intimacy with God (5)



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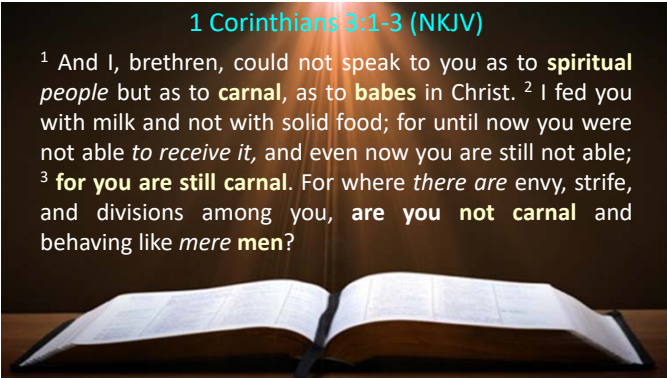
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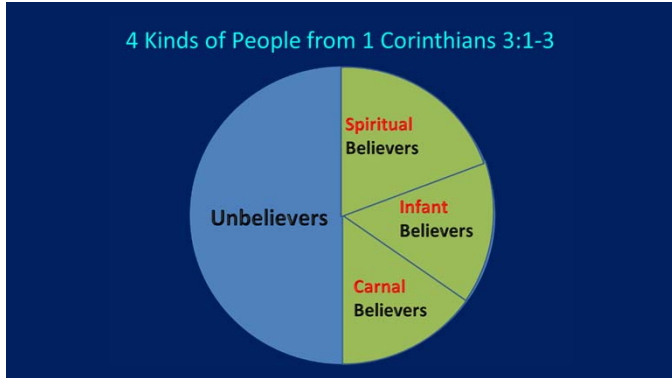
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1. Not hatred
2. Gives world a false sense of security
3. Loss of distinctiveness and power



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B. Biblical Basis for Separation?

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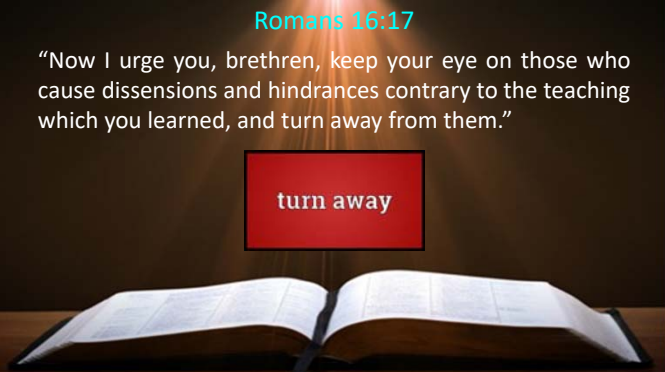


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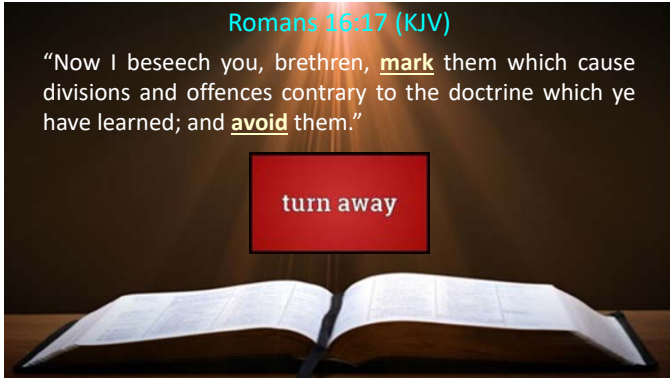
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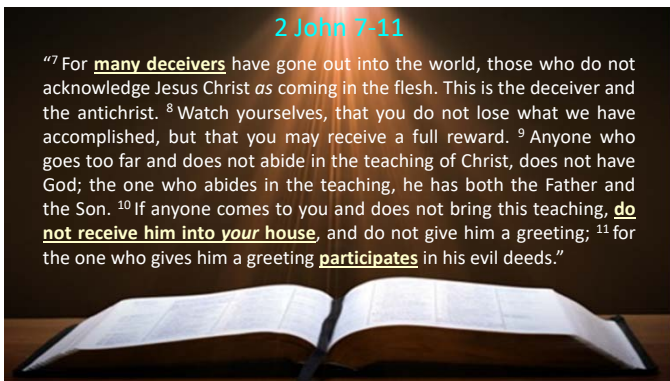
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 **Fundamentals of the Faith** 

1. Creation/Fall – Rom. 5:14
2. Inspiration/inerrancy of the Scripture – Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21
3. Salvation by faith alone
4. Eternal existence of heaven/hell – Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46
5. Trinity
6. Virgin birth of Christ
7. Deity of Christ
8. Atoning death of Christ – Isa. 53:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:24
9. Bodily Resurrection of Christ – John 20:27-28; 1 Cor. 15:14
10. Bodily Second Advent of Christ – Job 19:25; Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:9-11

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⁹But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰Reject a **factionous (*hairesetikós*) man** after a first and second warning, ¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.”



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- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)



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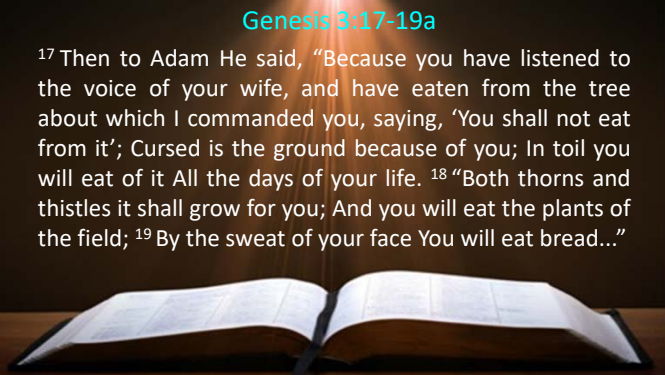
- Painful labor (3:17-19a)
- Death (3:19b)



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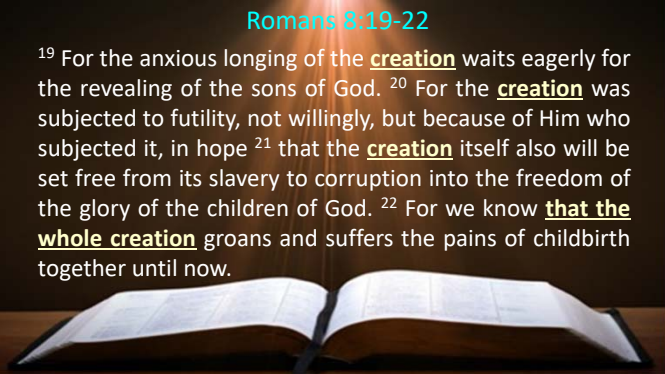
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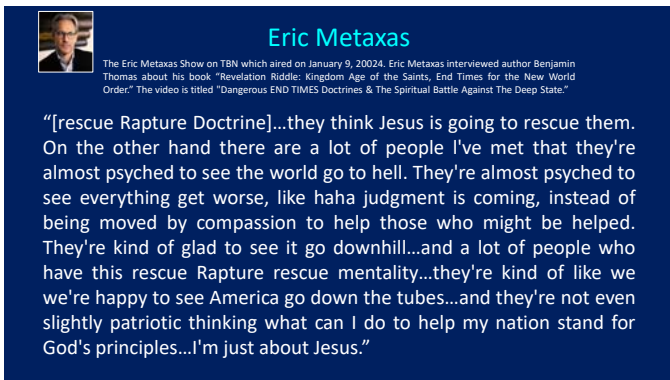
¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



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 **Eric Metaxas**
The Eric Metaxas Show on TBN which aired on January 9, 2024. Eric Metaxas interviewed author Benjamin Thomas about his book "Revelation Riddle: Kingdom Age of the Saints, End Times for the New World Order." The video is titled "Dangerous ENDTIMES Doctrines & The Spiritual Battle Against The Deep State."

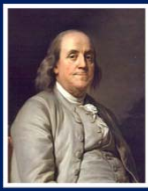
"Let's call it what it is folks. It's bad Theology. And by the way I want to be very clear. I say this in all my speeches. Bad theology to be clear is from the pit of Hell. It's Satan's theology. It's not like all B minus theology. It's from the pit of Hell."

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Benjamin Franklin

At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when queried as he left Independence Hall on the final day of deliberation (in the notes of Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland's delegates to the Convention) a lady asked Dr. Benjamin Franklin, "Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic replied the Doctor **if you can keep it.**"


The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, ed. Max Farrand, vol. 3, appendix A, p. 85 (1911, reprinted 1934).



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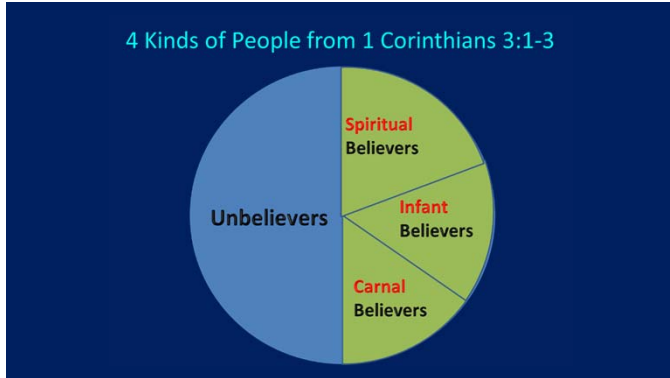


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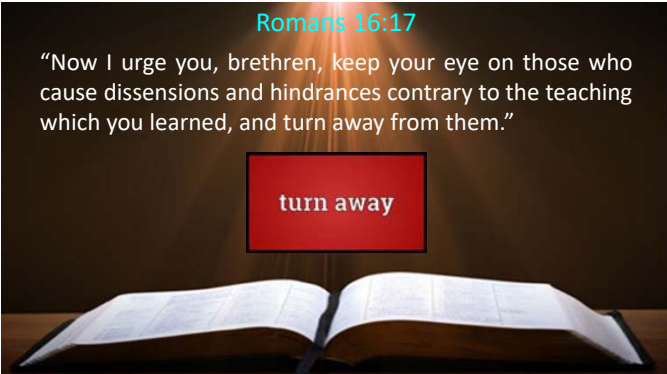


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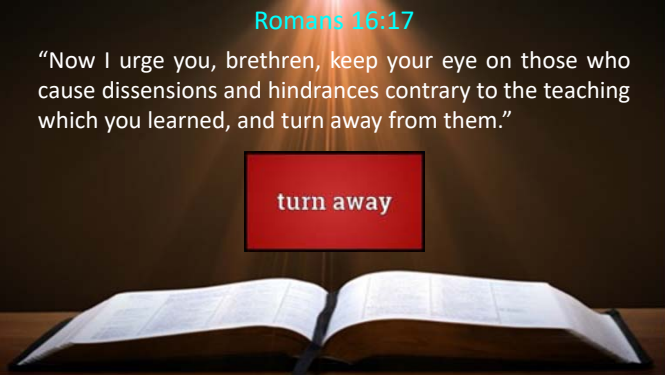


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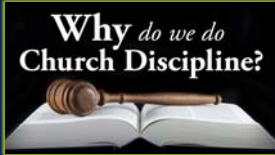
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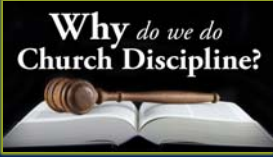
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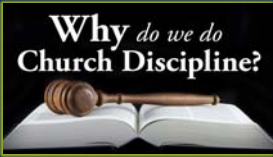
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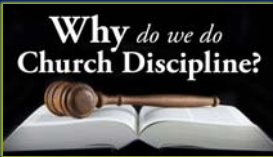
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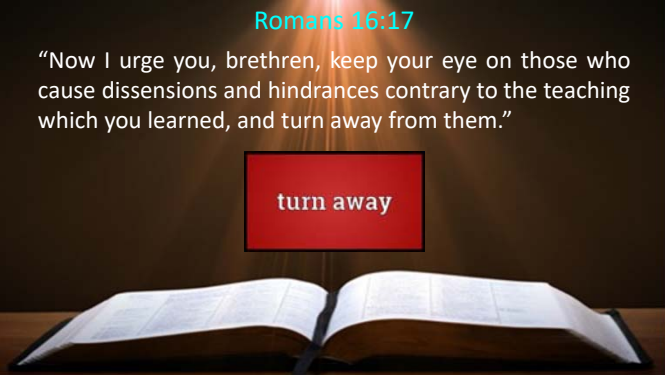
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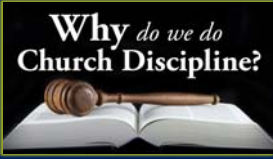
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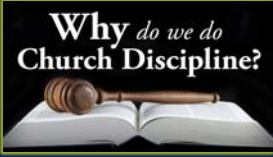
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