

# Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12

NSP School of Life and Doctrine

Spring Session 2010

Week 6

Review of 5:1-28...

Waiting for the "times and seasons" (5:1-11)

Working during the "times and seasons (5:12-28)

Encouragement for the last days (1:1-12)

Praise for Progress

Evidence of Justice

Drama of Judgment

Signs of the last days (2:1-12)

Don't jump to conclusions

"Unless the rebellion comes first..."

Augustine's admission about the "restrainer"

*"I frankly confess that the meaning of this completely escapes me."*



The Egnatian Way through Thessalonica



## Small Group Discussion:

1. What does Paul see in the church at Thessalonica that fills his heart with gratitude to God (1:1-4)?
2. The Thessalonians were showing steadfastness and faith in persecution and affliction. What does it look like to do this in Dallas in 2010?
3. In v.5-10 Paul describes what future justice in the coming of Jesus will look like. We all have a sense that the world needs to be brought back into balance/justice. As you see the world around you, how do you currently most desire to see justice done?
4. What does it mean for God to “fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power” (v.11)?
5. What are some characteristics of the man of lawlessness?
6. How does the man of lawlessness try to imitate Jesus? What counterfeit gospels are appealing to you? Why?
7. How was the “mystery of lawlessness already at work” (v.7) in Paul’s day? What about in our day?