

A Few Questions on Second Thessalonians

- Which of the following best expresses the view of New Testament scholars regarding the authorship of Second Thessalonians?
 - The overwhelming majority of New Testament scholars are convinced that Paul wrote the letter, but a vocal minority challenges that traditional view.
 - While this letter is frequently considered deuteropauline, it has a stronger claim to be a genuine Pauline letter than most others that are considered deuteropauline.
 - Hardly any scholar today considers Second Thessalonians to be a genuine Pauline letter. The evidence against Pauline authorship is overwhelming.
- Unlike most of the undisputed letters of Paul, Second Thessalonians has two thanksgiving sections. Many scholars think this is the case because Second Thessalonians was based on the only authentic letter with two thanksgiving sections. Which letter is that?
 - Galatians
 - Romans
 - Philippians
 - First Thessalonians
- What theological issue holds a large place in Second Thessalonians and has fueled the debate over authorship since many see the perspective taken in Second Thessalonians as sharply different from the perspective defended in First Thessalonians?
 - Soteriology (the theory of what it means to call Jesus “Savior”)
 - Christology (the theory of what it means to call Jesus “Christ” or “Messiah”)
 - Eschatology (theory of the end times)
- Which of the following was *not* one of the major problems facing the recipients of Second Thessalonians according to Roetzel?
 - Intense apocalyptic speculation
 - Persecution
 - Attempts to impose Jewish practices such as circumcision
- Roetzel considers Second Thessalonians to be deuteropauline. Which of the following best describes the way he views the implications of its pseudonymous authorship?
 - The author seriously misrepresents the Pauline tradition, so the letter should not be treated as scripture.
 - While the author uses a strategy unlike any Paul used for dealing with the church’s problem, he stands squarely within the Pauline tradition, having correctly understood Paul’s major concerns.
 - The author dealt with issues never addressed by Paul, so we cannot know whether he faithfully represents Paul’s perspective or has misunderstood it.
- Who, according to Second Thessalonians, sends a “powerful delusion” on the unfaithful, causing them to believe what is false?
 - Satan
 - God
 - The Lawless One
- What is the focus of the last section of Second Thessalonians?
 - Speculations about the coming end of the world
 - A warning against laziness
 - A warning against circumcision
- Second Thessalonians indicates that the author believes the church may have received a false letter in Paul's name. Where in the letter is this indicated?
 - 1:3—4
 - 2:1—2
 - 2:13—15
 - 3:6—15