

# 2 THESSALONIANS

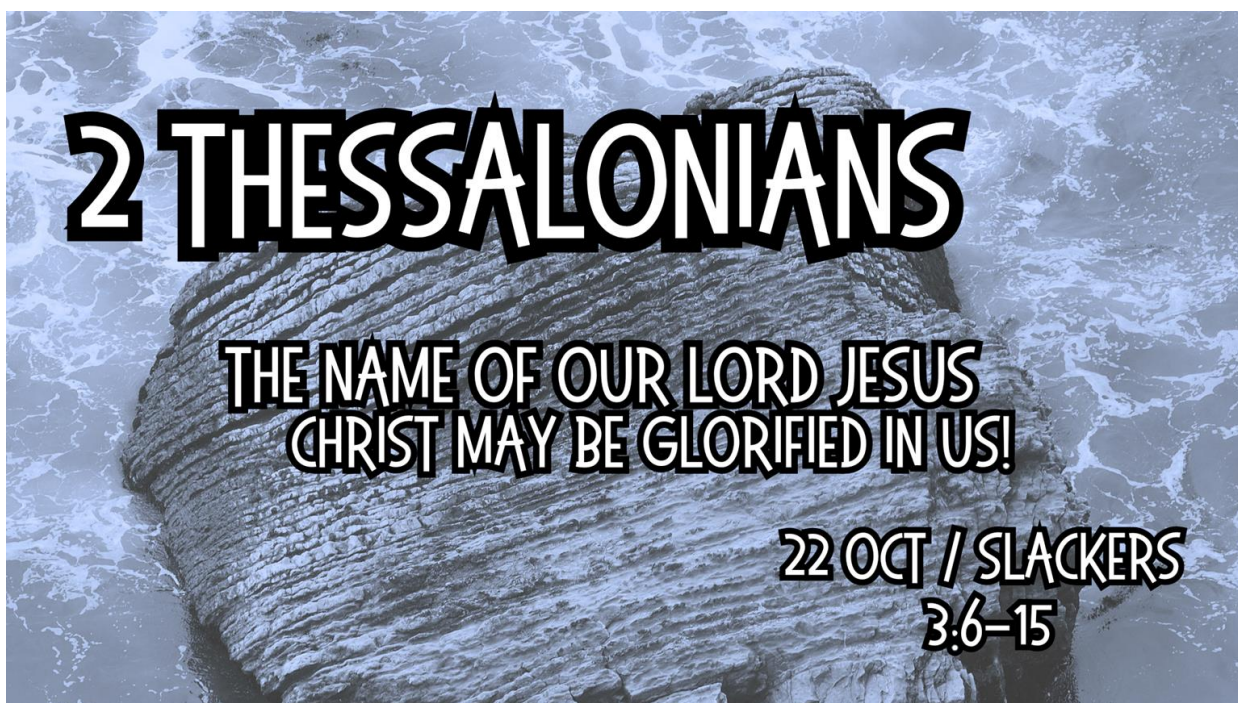
THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN US!

22 OCT / SLACKERS  
3:6-15



## “Slacker”

- who does not work hard enough
- put enough effort into something
- who shirks obligation
- educated, purposeless & apathetic
- habitually lacks work ethic.
- who can't be relied on to finish



## 2 Thessalonians 3:15

**Don't think of 'them' as enemies, but warn 'them' as you would a brother or sister.**



**How are we accountable to the Word?  
How do we keep our heart?**

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

- We command you to stay away those who don't follow our tradition
- You ought to imitate us
- Follow our example
- We command you not to share with the unwilling
- We command the slackers to settle down & work
- Take note of those who do not follow this word
  - Isolate and shame them
  - Warn them, be family, not enemies



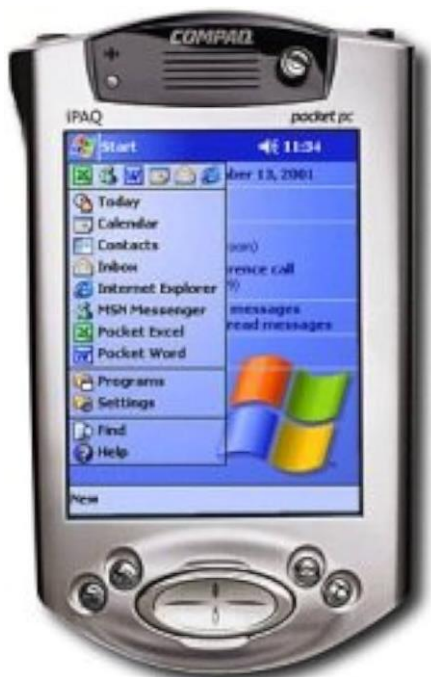
ACUTE, CHRONIC,  
SCIATIC, NEURALGIC  
OR  
INFLAMMATORY  
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THAT MAKES  
GENUINE  
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# SNAKE OIL

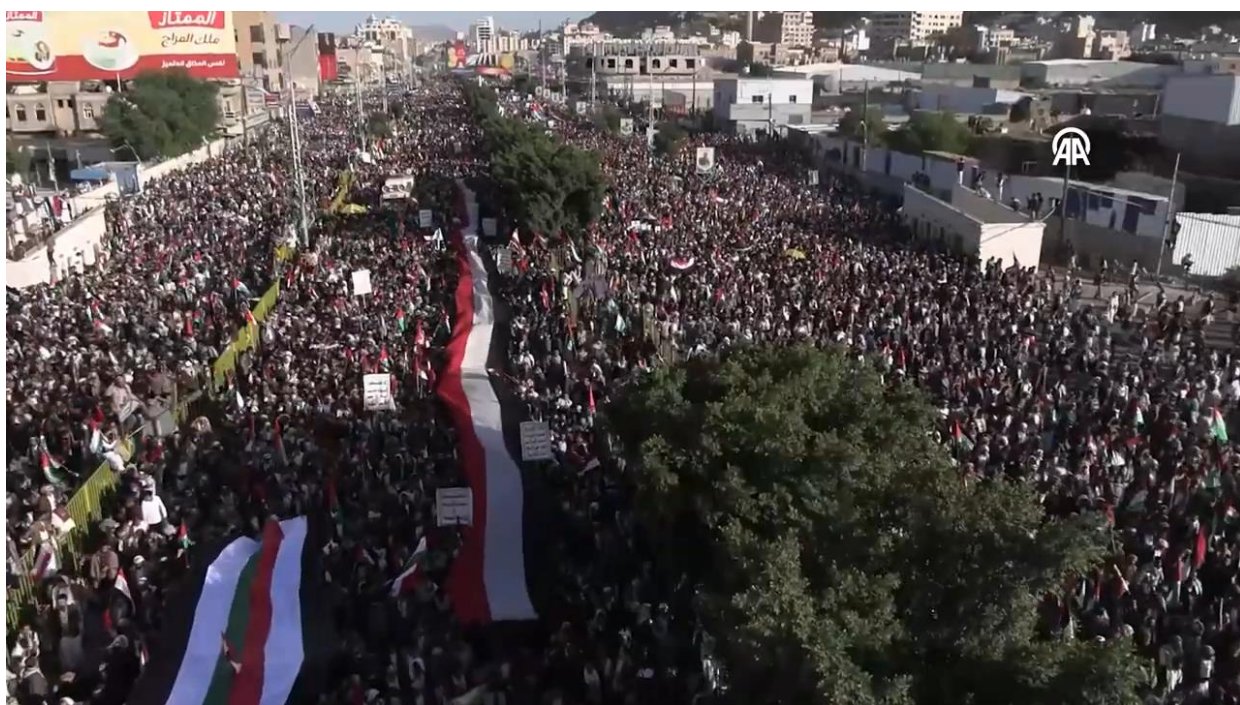
RELIEVES INSTANTANEOUSLY  
AND CURES HEADACHE, NEURALGIA, TOOTHACHE, EARACHE, BACKACHE,  
SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, SORE CHEST, SWELLING OF THE THROAT, CONTRACTED CORDS  
AND MUSCLES, STIFF JOINTS, WRENCHES, DISLOCATIONS, CUTS AND BRUISES.  
It Quickly takes out the Swelling and Inflammation from Corns, Bunions, Insect and Fungus Bites.  
It makes the Muscles supple  
and ATHLETES. It gives a Vigor to the whole System.







**...formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. Acts 17:5**



**One whichever any level,  
how does this  
statement help us?**

**‘Don’t think of them as  
enemies, but warn them  
as you would a brother  
or sister.’**

**(2 Thess 3:15)**



## **2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

**And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don’t follow the tradition they received from us. For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you.**

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

**We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: “Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.” Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people’s business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.**

## **2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

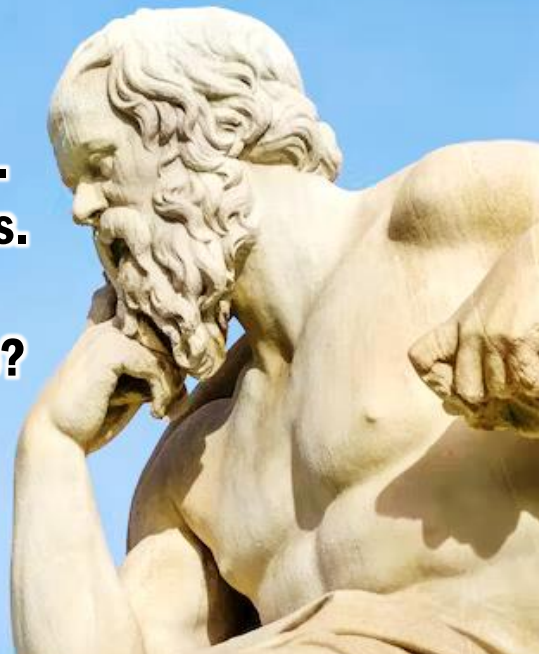
**As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good. Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed. Don’t think of them as enemies, but warn them as you would a brother or sister.**



**The central idea is to keep our hearts on and in Jesus.**

- 1/ Enforce a high view of the body of Christ**
- 2/ Not be slackers in our testimony of the glory of the name of Jesus in us!**

**Jesus had come and gone.  
Paul was wrong, or maybe gone.  
Make the most of the end of days.  
What does our culture value?  
What culture should we emulate?**





**Patronage, it was status to be a patron  
 Clients were looked after by the patron  
 Clients may carry a vote in politics for their patrons  
 Clients would be artisans, helpers, crafters, thinkers**

**High vocation to talk, study, think, philosophise  
 A talker and thinker is an influencer**

**What is the influence?**

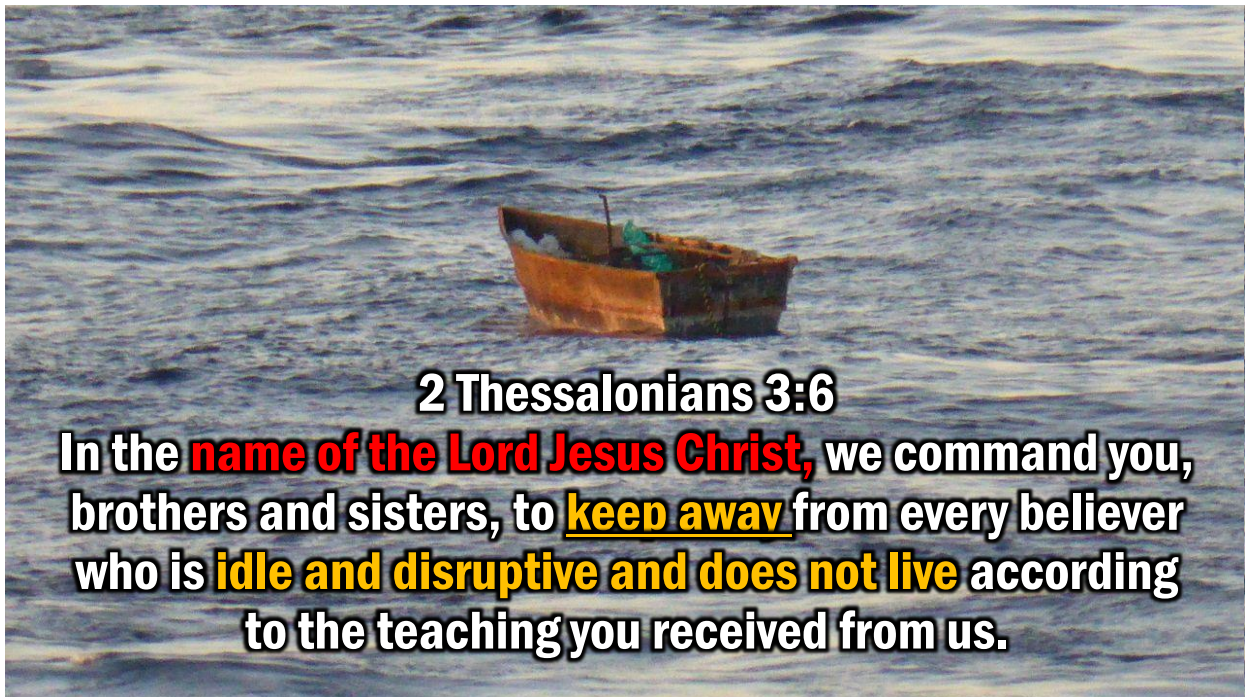
**How is the name of Jesus being honoured?**

**“talk” can degrade to gossip, secrets, division, pride  
 and a sort of evangelism of appeal and morality  
*‘they are not busy; they are busybodies.’ v11***



**Idle & Disrupting people  
Not gospel centred people  
Not Jesus centred people**

**misdirecting resources & focus  
drifting, slackers**



**2 Thessalonians 3:6**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is **idle and disruptive and does not live** according to the teaching you received from us.**



**Cancel culture is understood to be “the practice of withdrawing support for (or cancelling) public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered to be objectionable or offensive” (Lizza, 2020).**

**v6 - keep away from every believer who is...  
v14 - Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed.**

**Is this command ‘Cancel Culture’?  
Is this right for us to follow the Bible?**

**The cancel movement does not allow for open discussions on polarised opinions...becoming counterproductive “creating a society in which punishment is favoured over rehabilitation” (Tucker, 2018)**

**Chiou (2020) argues that “such public shaming on many occasions can...become a way of judging and rejecting anyone else's socio-political viewpoint.**

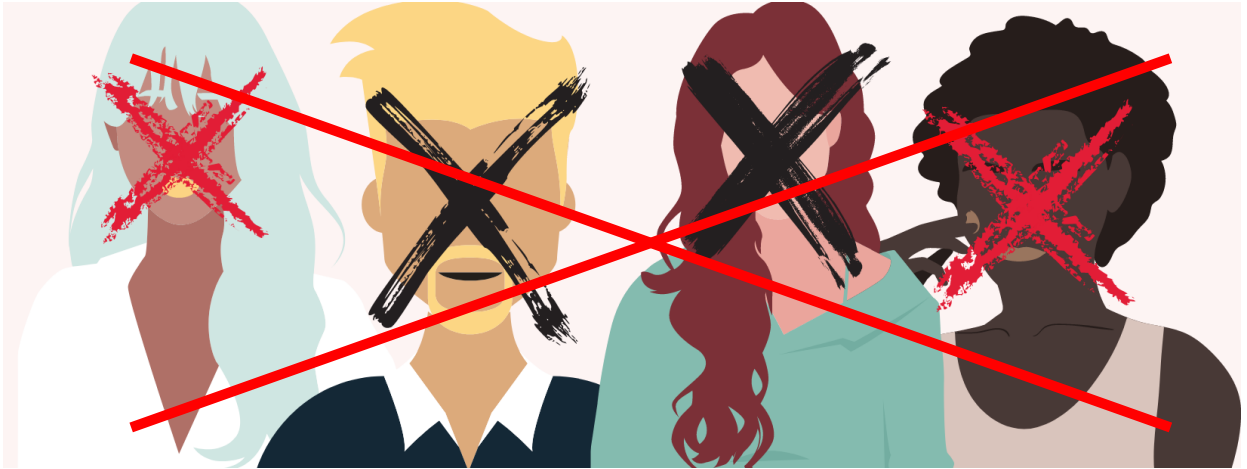
**The cancel movement's core definition is to publicly attack and humiliate an individual because they disagree with their opinion under the guise of political and social justice...degrading into...hateful rhetoric, harassment and bullying...Creemers (2016)**

**Velasco (2020) argues that the public act as the judge, jury, and executioner against an individual, where it then spreads like wildfire across social media and become “virulently uncontrollable” (Lu, 2019). Once a movement is uncontrollable, it becomes challenging to maintain, leading to misinformation and individual victimisation.**

**Shame to stand against  
Mark8:38 2Tim1:8,12 1Pet4:16**

**Shame that we are saved from  
Is 45:17 Acts 10:43 2Tim1:12 Rom10:11**

**Shame that aims to convict our drift  
1Cor6:5,13:54 2Thess 3:14**



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**One whichever any level, how does this statement help us?  
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**He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thess 2:14)**

**But Jesus replied, “Who is My mother, and who are My brothers? ...whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.” (Mt12:48,50)**

**‘Don’t think of them as enemies, but warn them as you would a brother or sister.’ (2 Thess 3:15)**

**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (Jn 13:34-35)**

**that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in [us]  
(2 Thess 1:12)**