

2 THESSALONIANS

Live Right / Second Coming – Part II Chapter 1
“WHEN”

Review of 1 Thessalonians

Thessalonica – (see map) Roman capital city (200,000) of the area located on crossroads (Macedonia) and was a seaport. Had considerable commerce and lots of temples, many bordello's.

Paul's Timeline – Philippi – Thessalonica – Berea – Athens – Corinth. While in Corinth (about 18 months) Timothy and Silas* showed up with a report from Thessalonica. 1 Thessalonians is a response to the report.

2nd Thessalonians:

Greeting

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

After about 6 _____, Paul sent 2nd letter to the Thessalonians.

Who's church (ekklesia) _____)? Grace and peace needed.

Don't miss the “double” reference – GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! (the Base)

God's Final Judgment and Glory

³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

“grows exceedingly”- _____

Genuine _____ will always produce genuine _____ (cpe p. 188)

*the faith and love relationship – Eph 1:15-16, Gal 5:6, John 13:34-35

Paul boasts of their endurance...more than just getting through persecutions/tribulations

Mark 13: ⁹“But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

⁵ *which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

_____ - proof “persevering faith and fruit”

Their suffering _____ their _____ for the kingdom.

How Much Longer? Rev 6:10

⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us **when** the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Relief / Rest (_____): Rev 21:3-4

A look into the future: Isa 46:10

I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: My plan will take place, and I will do all My will.

Fearful words: _____ (affliction), _____, _____

The coming is not “good news” for everyone! (James McDonald) List 2 groups below:

How will Christ come the next time? (Lamb the first time.....) List description:

¹⁰ **when** He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

We get to share in giving Jesus his “_____”. The light that always has been on will switch our lights on as well.

¹¹ **Therefore** we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ **And in view of this**, HCSB

When (future), but _____ there is still _____ to do.

Paul prays for their “fulfillment” _____ Phil 1:6

PERSECUTION:

THEN	NOW
Family Rejection	
Economic hardship	
Imprisonment	
Physical / Mental	
Death	

Biblical Text	Mark's Gospel	1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians
Warning about deception	13:5		2:3
Pregnancy	13:8	5:3	
Tribulation/Persecution	13:9		1:4
Abomination Desolation	13:14		2:2-3
Coming of Christ (<i>erchomai</i>)	13:26		1:10
Visible Descent	13:26	4:16	1:7
Clouds	13:26	4:17	
Great Power/Glory	13:26		1:7, 9
Angels	13:27	4:16	1:7
Gathering	13:27	4:17	2:1
Souls from Heaven Coming	13:27	3:13; 4:14	1:10
Watching Required	13:35-37	5:6	