

“2 Thessalonians 1:1–12”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series about 1 and 2 Thessalonians. The title of the presentation was “2 Thessalonians 1:1-12.”

Many Bible students believe that 2 Thessalonians was written as a clarification of 1 Thessalonians. If so, the clarification apparently comes into play in chapter 2. The Bible study and this article are about chapter 1.

Similar introduction

Notice the similarities of the introductions of the two letters.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:1—From Paul, Silas and Timothy—“to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ‘Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.’”
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2—From Paul, Silas and Timothy—“to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ‘Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.’”

Glory in tribulations

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4—Your faith grew in all your persecutions and tribulations.
- Romans 5:1-5—We glory in tribulations—producing perseverance, character and hope.

Worthy of the Kingdom

- 2 Thessalonians 1:5—It is the righteous judgment of God that you may be worthy of the Kingdom of God.
- Matthew 10:37—He who loves father, mother, son or daughter more than Christ “is not worthy of Me.”

God repays those who trouble you

- 2 Thessalonians 1:6—It is a righteous thing with God for Him to repay those who trouble you.
- Romans 12:17-19—“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.”
- Hebrews 10:30—“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.”

Troubled will find rest

- 2 Thessalonians 1:7—Those who are troubled will find rest.
- Matthew 11:28-30—The Son of God will give you rest.
- John 16:33—The Son of God spoke to His disciples that they might find peace.

Punishment of the disobedient

- 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9—The disobedient shall be punished.
- Revelation 14:9-11—Those who worship the beast shall be tormented.

Worthy of the calling

- 2 Thessalonians 1:10-11—When He comes in that Day, we pray that our God will count you worthy of this calling.
- Luke 14:26-33—The disciples of Jesus Christ are taught to count the cost of following Him.

Glorified in Him

- 2 Thessalonians 1:12—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.