

# **2 Thessalonians 1:1-12**

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# Greeting

**2 Thess. 1:1-2**

**1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,**

To the church of the Thessalonians in  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ:

**2** Grace to you and peace from God  
the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

**1 Thess. 1:1**

**1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,**

**To the church of the Thessalonians in  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ: Grace to you and peace.**

# 1. How does Paul praise the Thessalonians?

2 Thess. 1:3-4

3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

# 1. How does Paul praise the Thessalonians?

- A. We ought always to give thanks to God for you.
- B. Your faith is greatly enlarged.
- C. The love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater.
- D. We speak proudly of you in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions.

# 1. How does Paul praise the Thessalonians?

**Faith in Christ means that a person believes in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Christians trust Christ to take care of their life:**

A. Of their past life (sins and transgressions).

B. Of their present life (to provide the necessities, protection, deliverance, and guidance needed in life).

C. Of their future life (deliverance from death and judgment and the gift of eternal life).

# 1. How does Paul praise the Thessalonians?

**1 Peter 1:6-7**

**6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,**

**7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

2. What is the result of “God’s righteous judgment in verse 5?”

**2 Thess. 1:5**

**5** *This is* a plain indication of **God’s**  
**righteous judgment** so **that you**  
**will be considered worthy of the**  
**kingdom of God**, for **which indeed**  
**you are suffering.**



**2. What is the result of “God’s righteous judgment in verse 5?**

**A. God’s judgment is fair and right.**

**B. God will judge all people.**

**C. The Thessalonians remained firm (faithful) and strong while they suffered.**

**D. God will consider the Thessalonians “worthy of the kingdom of God” during their sufferings.**

**2. What is the result of “God’s righteous judgment in verse 5?**

**E. God will render His wrath on those who persecuted the saints at Thessalonica.**

**F. Their response to trials, afflictions, persecutions, and sufferings demonstrates that they are worthy of His kingdom.**

**G. The trials and suffering prove their faith.**

**H. Even Jesus shows us that suffering is the path to glory.**

**2. What is the result of “God’s righteous judgment in verse 5?”**

**Phil. 1:27-29**

**27** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

**28** in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God.

**29** For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

3. Who will deal with the unbelievers?

**2 Thess. 1:6**

6 For after all it is *only* just for  
**God to repay with affliction**  
those who afflict you,

**GOD**

**3. Who will deal with the unbelievers?**

**A. God's justice is mercy and grace for the faithful who suffer.**

**B. God will repay the affliction committed against the Thessalonians and grant relief to those who are afflicted.**

**C. God's justice will bring relief when the Lord returns.**

4. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ?

## 2 Thess. 1:7-9

**7** and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

**8** dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**9** These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

**4. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ?**

**A. The Lord is going to return in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**B. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction.**

**C. They will be away from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His might.**

- 4. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ?**
- 1. The purpose of judgment: To rectify injustice**
  - 2. The executor of judgment: Jesus Christ**
  - 3. The people to be judged: All people**
    - a. All who do not know God**
    - b. All who disobey the gospel**
    - c. All who are obedient to God**



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**4. The penalty of judgment:**

**a. Punishment and destruction**

**b. Separation from the Lord**

**5. The reward for living a righteous life:**

**Eternal life with God.**

4. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ?

**Jer. 10:25**

**25** Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You

And on the families that do not call Your name;

For they have devoured Jacob;

They have devoured him and consumed him

And have laid waste his habitation.

4. How did Paul describe the punishment of those who reject Christ?

**Isa. 66:4**

**4** So I will choose their punishments

And will bring on them what they dread.

Because I called, but no one answered;

I spoke, but they did not listen.

And they did evil in My sight

And chose that in which I did not delight.”

5. What will believers experience when they see the Lord Jesus?

**2 Thess. 1:10**

**10** when He comes to be glorified  
in His saints on that day, and to  
be marveled at among all who  
have believed—for our testimony  
to you was believed.

5. What will believers experience when they see the Lord Jesus?

**A. Believers will see Jesus in all of His glory.**

**B. Believers will praise and honor Him.**

**1 Cor. 4:17**

**17** For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

6. What was Paul's prayer for the church at Thessalonica?

**2 Thess. 1:11-12**

11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,

12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 6. What was Paul's prayer for the church at Thessalonica?

- A. ... that God makes the Thessalonians worthy of His calling.
- B. ...that God will assist them in their growth to fulfill their every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power.
- C. ...that God is at work so that they will experience God's judgment and be counted worthy.
- D. ...that the Thessalonians live a life worthy of the call by how they handle their trials.
- E. ...that the fruit they bear and the good they do is so that the name of Jesus will be honored and glorified.

**7. What lessons do you think God is trying to teach you through the trials and difficulties you have experienced recently?**

**We are going to suffer as Christians while we live in this world.**

**It is up to me to remain faithful to the best of my ability during these trials and difficulties so that I may rely on God's guidance through His word and receive His mercy and grace.**