

Chapter 1: The COMFORT over Christ's return.

Review: Keeping our end times straight. Don't be deceived! (2:3)

1. Greeting 1:1-2

2. Consolation: Reality of suffering. 1:3

3. Glory: The testimony of suffering. 1:3-5

KEY: We are being conformed to the image (maturity) of Jesus! Romans 8:28-39

KNOW: Just as Christ suffered and is glorified... Luke 24:26; Isaiah 53:5

...so also His people will suffer. 1 Peter 4:13-14, 16; 1 Peter 5:10; Luke 14:27; John 16:33; Acts 5:41; 9:16; 14:19-22; 16:22-25

- KEY: the hardships of the believers at Thessalonica were a result of them doing well, not a result of spiritual failure. 1 Peter 2:20
- Trials hurt, but they also accomplish MUCH when believers suffer well!

4. Consolation: _____ of God. 1:6-10

- **Your faithfulness demands god's judgment. 1:4-5**

Persecutions have a function in your life. You are to ENDURE them. Romans 5:3; 1 Thess 3:3-4

But afflictions (tribulations) for following Christ PROVE the WORTH of His kingdom. 1:5

Vs 11. Paul prayed for this!

- **The purpose of God's judgment: to rectify injustice. 1:6**

Your godly life demands God's judgment. You suffer persecutions and tribulations as the hands of the unrighteous. God sees it all.

To us? God will bring His rest! Vs 7.

To them – RECOMPENSE: this is _____ in _____. 1:6-9

The wicked give tribulation to God's people and will get it back _____ from God.

Why? Deut 32:35; Hebrews 10:30; Psalm 94:1-8; 94:23; Isaiah 59:18; Ezekiel 9:10; 11:21; Matt 16:27

- **The Judge: The Lord Jesus Christ Himself! Vs 7**

Are you troubled? Rest with us. Hebrews 4:9

In vs 7 –that's wrath. In 1 Thess 4:13-19 – that's when Jesus comes for us. That's rest!

- **Those who will _____ judgement. 1:8**

It's those that don't know God that trouble the people of God. Psalm 14:1

Compare Psalm 19:1; Psalm 97:6; Romans 1:19-20; 2:15

NOTE: Vengeance is not revenge. It's satisfying God's law. It is ultimate accountability.

Make no mistake. Christ will one day (after the rapture, at the end of the great tribulation) in judgment.

Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:30; Romans 2:16; 2 Timothy 4:1

Note: Again, the target of God's wrath is not the believer! 1 Thessalonians 5:9

- **The _____ of their judgment. 1:9**

In 1 Thess 5:3 the destruction is described as "sudden destruction." Here it is "eternal destruction."

Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 3:17

It is a day of the judgment of God's wrath. Jude 1:14-15; Daniel 7:10

- **The _____ of this judgment. 1:10**

The temptation can be to think that God isn't keeping watch or cares because of how the wicked can seem to PROSPER so! Ps 73. This is a common temptation. Jeremiah 12:1 compare Proverbs 15:3

Run to God for salvation! Proverbs 18:10