

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

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1. Perseverance, Justice, Grace, and PATIENCE are all tied together by Paul in 2 Thessalonians.
2. Paul, Silas, and Timothy all prayed that God would make the Thessalonians FIT for what He had called them to be.
3. If your life honors the name of JESUS, He will honor you.
4. Paul's primary ministry was to the GENTILES.
5. Peter's primary ministry was to the JEWS in Jerusalem and those scattered in the world.
6. Peter was never in ROME and yet the Catholic church considers him the first Bishop of Rome. Catholics recognized the Pope as the successor to Saint Peter.
7. Peter and Paul spent only FIFTEEN DAYS together here on earth and that time together was in Jerusalem.
8. Peter wrote only TWO Epistles or Letters and they were 1&2 Peter.
9. Paul wrote THIRTEEN Epistles or Letter including Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Philemon, Galatians, Philippians, 1&2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1&2 Timothy, and Titus.
10. I Peter and I Thessalonians has FIVE Chapters.
11. II Peter and II Thessalonians has THREE Chapters.
12. The themes of I Peter and I Thessalonians have many unique SIMILARITIES.
13. Both sections of Scripture talk about SUFFERING and perseverance and adversity and patience.
14. The themes of II Peter and II Thessalonians have parallels including suffering and remembering the GRACE of God.
15. II Thessalonians 1 talks about THREE different kinds of Faith.
16. PERSECUTION has never hurt the Church but the Church always thrives in persecution.

17. Persecution increase FAITH and brings the Body of Christ together.
18. In ACTS we learn that the first persecution of the church in Jerusalem led to the rapid expansion of the Church.
19. Expect a THRIVING Church as persecution of Christians increases in America.
20. Jesus said that He will come again and a BETTER day is coming.
21. Paul to the Ephesian Elders the last time he met with them said: "I am innocent of the BLOOD of all men for I have declared unto you the whole counsel of God.
22. Jesus told His disciples He was leaving and that He would go and prepare a PLACE for them.
23. Knowing that they were upset, He said: Let not your heart be TROUBLED. You believe in God believe also in Me. For in my Father's House are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you.
24. Paul said pray that you will be accounted WORTHY to be numbered with God's people in that Day to escape God's wrath.
25. Paul is telling the Thessalonians and us to Take a stand for RIGHTEOUSNESS while we have the opportunity and persevere for our reward is coming.