

Be ready. Be ready. Be ready.

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I Thessalonians 2:13-20

*"For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy."
(I Thessalonians 2:19-20)*

""I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."" (John 16:33)

Paul shares for the church and for us the _____ resources we have in times of suffering.

1. We have the benefit of having God's word _____ us.

*"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."
(I Thessalonians 2:13)*

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," (II Timothy 3:16)

*"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple."
(Psalm 19:7)*

*"I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."
(Psalm 119:14-16)*

2. These Thessalonian believers not only heard the word they made it _____ of their lives.

"Whoever has ears, let them hear."" (Matthew 13:9)

*"For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last."
(I Thessalonians 2:14-16)*

*""If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."
(John 15:18-19)*

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
(Isaiah 53:6)

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."
(Hebrews 7:25)

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(I Thessalonians 2:16)

3. One of our greatest blessings of the local church is we stand _____ in difficult times.

4. An isolated lonely believer is more _____ to the attacks of Satan.

"But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy."
(I Thessalonians 2:17-20)

5. Paul was glad to state his wonderful affection for these Thessalonian Christians.

6. Paul was able to look ahead and see his friends one day _____ in glory.

"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am

judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me."
(I Corinthians 4:1-4)

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30)

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)

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