

The Great Wait: Delight and Discernment in the Second Coming

Three Principles for Persevering in Adversity

1 Thessalonians 3:1-10

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Jesus left us with a promise, a person, and a list. 1 Thessalonians highlights each of these gifts. First, we have his promise that he will return (1:10). Second, we have the Holy Spirit who empowers us (1:5). Third, we have a clear list of important things to do while we wait (4:1). The list has two columns with two main headings: Love God and Love Others. But the more faithful we are to follow that list, the more we can expect adversity.

1. Because adversity is wisely _____ by our heavenly Father, pain has _____ you probably can't see.

2. Adversity is both Satan's _____ to turn you from God to _____ *and* God's _____ to turn you from _____ to himself.

3. To strengthen you in adversity, God gives you his _____, a _____, and the hope of Christ's _____.