



II THESSALONIANS

DUTY & DISCERNMENT



FAITH IN THE FIRE

II THESSALONIANS 1:1-4



**Paul's second letter corrects
some new errors in the
church at Thessalonica**

**1. Circumstantial issue -
Believers were experiencing
great trials and afflictions
through persecution**

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Trusting God is not a result
of my feelings; it's a result
of my faith in God's perfect
plan**

2. Prophetical issue -

**A forged letter,
supposedly from the hand
of Paul, declared that these
believers were living in the
Tribulation**

3. Practical issue -
There was some
disorderliness manifesting
itself within the church

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION TO THESE AFFLICTED BELIEVERS

1. Paul's greeting - vv. 1-2

- Our position in God - v. 1
- Our progress in the Lord
- v. 2

PSALM 121:1-2

I will lift up my eyes unto
the hills; from whence comes
my help

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION TO THESE AFFLICTED BELIEVERS

2. Paul's admiration - vv. 3-4

Paul was bound to give
thanks to God

Greek word for bound is *opheilo*
meaning "deep obligation"

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION TO THESE AFFLICTED BELIEVERS

2. Paul's admiration - vv. 3-4

- For their faith - v. 3a

Greek word for exceedingly
is *hyperauxano* meaning

“beyond what could ever be
expected”

I PETER 2:2

As newborn babes,
desire the pure milk
of the Word, that you
may grow thereby

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION TO THESE AFFLICTED BELIEVERS

2. Paul's admiration - vv. 3-4

- You grow through
the Word of God
- You grow through
trials and testings

PAUL'S AFFIRMATION TO THESE AFFLICTED BELIEVERS

2. Paul's admiration - vv. 3-4

- For their love - v. 3b
- For their steadfast hope - v. 4

Greek word for patience

hupomone meaning

“to remain under”

TITUS 2:13

Looking for the blessed
hope and glorious
appearing of our great
God and Savior Jesus
Christ

**Lift up your eyes unto the hills
from whence comes your help**



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