2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Thankfulness + God's Righteous Judgment
Sunday, June 14, 2026

INTRO

PAUL'S THANKFULNESS (v3-4)

- Their faith is growing.
- Their love for each other is growing.
- They endure persecution and hardships.

GRABER VIDEO

STATE OF THE CHURCH UPDATE (Luke & Cliff)

- Sunrise - We want to take a moment and brag about you. And we're talking about you as a group of believers, followers of Christ, who are seeking Him together.
- We want to celebrate how God is at work at Sunrise right now.
- Financially we are in a healthy spot. We have no debt. There is money in the bank. People are giving (up 5% from last year at this time - as well as attendance)
- We believe God wants us to do more, and our leadership has committed to this in the coming year's budget. It is bold and reflects a vision for discipling more people into the kingdom of God. (Discuss PC to FC to Elder) - A 9.3% growth in our budget over last year.
- We are challenging you to capture this vision of what God is doing at Sunrise through your giving. To give 10% more than you already are. If you aren't giving, to start giving.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

- In verse 4, Paul talked about how there were enduring persecution and afflictions.
- Verse 5: "... that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God..."
    - We aren't worthy. Christ is worthy. However, suffering is where we become more like Christ.
- God is fair and just (v6-7)
    - He will bring perfect judgment on those who have hurt or persecuted you.
        - Think about hurt that has come from parents / broken marriage / anything that has been done to you. (not your own sin leading to suffering)
        - This justice and "relief" will happen at Christ's second coming
- The reality of hell (v8-9)
- The second coming of Christ (v10)

PAUL'S PRAYER

- That God would make them worthy of His calling
- That the name of Jesus would be glorified in them
- All according to God's grace

COMMUNION - 1 Corinthians 11