Paul’s Admiration for the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

The Background of the Epistle: Paul’s Introduction: 1:1-2

I. A Word of Undiluted Praise – 1:3-4

A. What He Was Bound to Do – 1:3a

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren,”

B. Why He Was Bound to Do It – 1:3b-4

“because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ﻿so that ﻿﻿we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God ﻿﻿for your patience and faith ﻿﻿in all your persecutions and ﻿﻿tribulations that you endure.”

1. For growth

2. For grace

3. For glory

II. A Word of Undisputed Promise – 1:5-10

A. As to the Proof of It – 1:5-6

1. Judgment of Saints – 1:5

“which is ﻿﻿manifest ﻿﻿evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, ﻿﻿for which you also suffer;”

1. Judgment of Sinners – 1:6﻿﻿

“since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with ﻿﻿tribulation those who trouble you,

B. As to the Present – 1:7a﻿

“and to *give* you who are troubled ﻿﻿rest with us

C. As to the Prospect – 1:7b-10

1. A Day of Revelation is Coming – 1:7b–7c

“when ﻿﻿the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,”

2. The Day of Revenge is Coming – 1:8-9

1. The essential nature of the wrath – 8

“in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

b. The eternal nature of the wrath – 1:9

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“These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and ﻿﻿from the glory of His power,”

3. The Day of Reward is Coming – 1:10

“when He comes, in that Day, ﻿﻿to be ﻿﻿glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who ﻿﻿believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

III. A Word of Undefeated Prayer – 1: 11-12

1. When Paul Prayed – 1:11

“Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would ﻿﻿count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and ﻿﻿the work of faith with power,”

1. What Paul Prayed – 1:12﻿﻿

“that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”