

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY  
**MEN <sup>OF</sup> THE WORD**  
MEN'S MINISTRY  
2021-2022

**1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"**

*Session 18*

*2 Thessalonians 1 (NKJV)*

**"The rewards of enduring faith"**

This second Letter to the Thessalonian church is closely linked to the first. It continues in the theme of the Day of the Lord. Its intent is to encourage the church which was experiencing a growing persecution for their faith in Christ. It continues to deal with the concern of many who, because of the persecution they were suffering, thought they were living in the Day of the Lord. Paul writes to correct this misunderstanding and to instruct them in living under persecution. In this first chapter, he praises them for their faith and their love for one another, and encourages them to continue to be patient. Are you growing weary in the face of the persecutions and tribulations you face in this world? Remember, the day is coming when the Lord will "repay with tribulation" those who persecute believers and don't know God, and give "rest" and glory to those who hold fast. Allow the Holy Spirit to use this chapter to encourage you to endure in faith!

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4**

Why is it "fitting" for Paul to be thankful to God for the brethren at Thessalonica? What does he see that's worthy of boasting about them "among the churches of God"?

**Scripture: 2Thessalonians 1:5**

What amazing thing does Paul say here, which is true for any who are willing to "suffer" for the cause of Christ? Is this something you see as worth enduring "persecutions and tribulations" for?

**Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:5; Philippians 1:28**

What does Philippians do to help you understand what Paul means by “manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God” in verse 5?

**Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8**

What does this say about the difference between what the believer and non-believer can expect at the return of a “righteous” God? What should that do for you when you face persecution and tribulation?

**Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10**

What will happen to those who don’t know God, and who did not accept the gospel of Jesus Christ? What will those who “believed” be doing in His presence at His return?

**Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

What will the Lord do at His return for those who are “counted worthy” through faith? What two things happen through our enduring faith according to v.12? Is this amazing to you?! What makes it possible for that to actually happen?!

### **Group Discussion:**

If the Apostle Paul could witness your life, would he have reasons to “thank” God, or to “boast” to other churches about what he saw? How does this chapter encourage you to grow in faith “exceedingly”, and to “abound” in love towards your brothers and sisters in Christ? How will it change your perspective, and how you respond when you face persecution and tribulation in this world?

### **Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in anyway terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.”

Philippians 1:27-28