

ENCOURAGEMENT IN LIGHT OF PRESENT SUFFERING pt 2

I. Paul's Gratitude For The Thessalonians Expressed (1:3-4)

II. Paul's Encouragement In Light Of Their Present Suffering (1:5-10)

A. Believers: Make It _____ Now, in Light of Eternity (1:5)

B. Believers: Be Patient in Light of God's Coming Righteous _____ (1:6-10)

1. Our righteous God will _____ those who are presently _____ you (1:6).

- What will God repay them with?

2. A righteous God will give those who are presently "troubled" His "_____". (1:7a)

- When will this "rest" happen? (1:7b)

3. This revelation or *apokalupsis* is described by 3 phrases in vs 7-8.

a. it will be from _____ (Acts 1:9-11)

b. it will be with His _____ (Mt. 24:30-31; 25:31)

- Who else will accompany Him at His return?

c. it will involve _____. With it, He will take _____
on the enemies of God & the troublers of His people.

- Is this in accord with *Who* God is?

- Is rendering vengeance on another ever the place of the believer? (Romans 12:17-21)

- Who specifically are the *recipients* of God's vengeance?
 - 1) those who _____ the innocent & God's people (1:6b)
 - 2) those who do not _____ (1:8b)
 - 3) those who do not _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ (1:8c)

- How is the gospel "*obeyed*"? (Romans 10:9-16)

- What is the *outcome* of God's justice rendered? (3 things are mentioned)
 - 1) Punishment with _____
 - 2) Separation from the _____
 - 3) Banishment from the _____ (Rev 19:11-19; 20:11-15)

- When will this vengeance occur?

- What will happen on that day?
 - 1) Jesus Christ will be glorified _____.
 - 2) Jesus Christ will be _____ among those who believed.

- Why is all this so *encouraging* for believers to know?

- What does all this mean to you?