

sermon notes

July 24, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Come | “Kingdom Worthy” | **2 Thessalonians 1:5-12**

Those who are Kingdom worthy...

1. _____ judgment now through suffering
(1:5)
2. _____ judgment at Christ’s second coming
(1:6-8)
3. _____ glory at Christ’s second coming
(1:9-10)
4. _____ Christ’s grace and glory in their lives
(1:11-12)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:5. Paul says, “This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God.” What is the evidence of the righteous judgment of God? What makes the Thessalonians considered worthy of the kingdom of God? It sounds like Paul is saying that the Thessalonians are suffering now as part of God’s judgment in order to be made worthy of the kingdom of God. That can’t be right, can it?

In verses 6-8, Jesus is the one bringing vengeance on people. Is this how we typically picture Jesus? Why is Jesus doing this? Who is Jesus doing this to?

What do we learn about the nature of hell in verse 9? What do we learn about the destiny of unbelievers? Are unbelievers annihilated or extinguished when Jesus returns? Did Jesus ever speak about hell and the destiny of those who reject him (see Matt 3:11-12; 13:41-42, 47-50; Luke 16:19–31)? How should this affect our outspokenness about the gospel?

GET PERSONAL

According to verse 10, what happens to believers in Christ at his return? How are believers identified in that verse? Given that description, is Jesus coming back for you?

In verses 10 and 12, Paul speaks of God being glorified in his saints. How is God glorified in our lives now? How will he be glorified in us at his second coming?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

According to 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, what is Paul praying for the Thessalonians? Should we be praying for that too? Take a moment to read these verses and pray for these things in your life. Pray for God to make you worthy of his calling. Pray that you would exhibit Jesus’s grace and glory in your life.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Hell is an unpopular subject in our day. Why do people discount its existence? If hell does exist, as the Bible says, and if hell is the future home of Satan and his demons, wouldn’t Satan’s strategy be to convince people that it doesn’t exist? Is that strategy succeeding in our day? Interact with the following quotation from J.C. Ryle: “If I never spoke of hell, I should think I had kept back something that was profitable and should look on myself as an accomplice of the devil.”