

❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE 2 THESSALONIANS A FEW MONTHS AFTER HE WROTE 1 THESSALONIANS WHILE HE WAS STILL AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH, WHERE HE SPENT A YEAR AND HALF.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE WRITTEN 1 THESSALONIANS AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT FROM SILAS AND TIMOTHEUS, TO ENCOURAGE THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA, TO CONTINUE STANDFAST AND INCREASE IN THEIR FAITH, PATIENCE, AND LOVE TOWARDS GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST AND TOWARDS EACH OTHER, DESPITE THEIR AFFLICTIONS, PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL THEN FOLLOWED UP BY WRITING 2 THESSALONIANS A FEW MONTHS AFTER AS A FOLLOW UP EPISTLE TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA.

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA WAS A SPIRITUALLY FRUITFUL CHURCH DUE TO THE PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS THEY WERE ENDURING BY SUBMITTING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 1-2

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2, THE APOSTLE PAUL BEGAN WITH GREETINGS FROM THE THRONE OF GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST IN THE THIRD HEAVEN.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS THE OVERSEER OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD, WAS LEADING THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THE GREETINGS FROM THE THRONE OF GOD THE FATHER TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA WILL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF.

2 Thess 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Thess 1:2 (KJV) 2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT SPEAKING OF HIMSELF.

John 16:13 (KJV) 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 3

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:3, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO ENCOURAGE THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA, THAT THEY WERE WORTHY OF THANKSGIVING BEFORE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST FOR THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN THEIR FAITH, LOVE AND PATIENCE IN THEIR POVERTY, TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL INCREASE WHEN WE PERSEVERE OR ENDURE WITH EACH OTHER IN OUR TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

SOMETIMES AS BRETHREN WE SELFISHLY PULL AWAY AND ISOLATE OURSELVES WHEN WE FACE AFFLICTIONS, TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS WHICH WILL NOT GROW US.

2 Thess 1:3 (KJV) 3 WE ARE BOUND TO THANK GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU, BRETHREN, AS IT IS MEET, BECAUSE THAT YOUR FAITH GROWETH EXCEEDINGLY, AND THE CHARITY OF EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL TOWARD EACH OTHER ABOUNDETH;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD WHO WERE LABOURING FOR THE GOSPEL AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD

DESPITE THE PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS THEY WERE GOING THROUGH.

- THE APOSTLE PAUL GAVE THANKS FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME.

Rom 16:3-4 (KJV) 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

Rom 16:4 (KJV) 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: UNTO WHOM NOT ONLY I GIVE THANKS, BUT ALSO ALL THE CHURCHES OF THE GENTILES.

- THE APOSTLE PAUL GAVE THANKS FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

Eph 1:16 (KJV) 16 CEASE NOT TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU, making mention of you in my prayers;

- THE APOSTLE PAUL GAVE THANKS FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

Col 1:3-4 (KJV) 3 WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, PRAYING ALWAYS FOR YOU,

Col 1:4 (KJV) 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

- THE APOSTLE PAUL GAVE THANKS FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA.

1 Thess 1:2 (KJV) 2 WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION OF YOU IN OUR PRAYERS;

2 Thess 2:13-14 (KJV) 13 BUT WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS ALWAYS TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE LORD, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

2 Thess 2:14 (KJV) 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE FAITH TOWARD GOD.

Acts 20:21 (KJV) 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD, AND FAITH TOWARD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Heb 6:1 (KJV) 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of FAITH TOWARD GOD,

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH MUST BE IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Rom 5:5 (KJV) 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO US.

THE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH CAN ONLY BE IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

1 Cor 13:4-8 (KJV) 4 CHARITY suffereth long, and is kind; CHARITY envieth not; CHARITY vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Cor 13:5 (KJV) 5 DOTH NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY, SEEKETH NOT HER OWN, IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED, thinketh no evil;

1 Cor 13:6 (KJV) 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

1 Cor 13:7 (KJV) 7 BEARETH ALL THINGS, BELIEVETH ALL THINGS, HOPETH ALL THINGS, ENDURETH ALL THINGS.

1 Cor 13:8 (KJV) 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; WHETHER THERE BE KNOWLEDGE, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY.

1 Thess 3:12-13 (KJV) 12 AND THE LORD MAKE YOU TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER, AND TOWARD ALL MEN, EVEN AS WE DO TOWARD YOU:

1 Thess 3:13 (KJV) 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.

MANY ARE STUMBLING BECAUSE OF OFFENCE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO IMPART THE LOVE OF GOD INTO THEIR HEARTS.

1 John 2:9-10 (KJV) 9 He that saith he is in the light, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, is in darkness even until now.

1 John 2:10 (KJV) 10 HE THAT LOVETH HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN THE LIGHT, AND THERE IS NONE OCCASION OF STUMBLING IN HIM.

THE TWO MAJOR DANGERS AGAINST THE LOVE OF GOD.

1. THE LOVE FOR OUR SOUL LIFE ABOVE OUR LOVE FOR GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

John 12:24-25 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

John 12:25 (KJV) 25 HE THAT LOVETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; AND HE THAT HATETH HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD SHALL KEEP IT UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD.

1 John 4:18 (KJV) 18 There is no fear in love; BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2. THE LOVE FOR THE WORLD ABOVE OUR LOVE FOR GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

1 John 2:16 (KJV) 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 (KJV) 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

THE EXAMPLE OF DEMAS BEING ATTRACTED TO THE CITY OF THESSALONICA.

THE CITY OF THESSALONICA WAS AN ATTRACTION FOR COMMERCE AND THE BRETHREN IN THESSALONICA WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE SPIRITUALLY STEADFAST TO REMAIN IN THEIR SUFFERINGS AND NOT ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO DRAW BACK INTO THE PLEASURES OF THE WORLD.

2 Tim 4:10 (KJV) 10 FOR DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME, HAVING LOVED THIS PRESENT WORLD, AND IS DEPARTED UNTO THESSALONICA; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

1 John 3:14 (KJV) 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN. HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN DEATH.

THE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE OF GOD TOWARDS EACH OTHER IS KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD WHICH IS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE AND LAYING DOWN OR SACRIFICING OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 John 3:16 (KJV) 16 HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD, because he laid down his life for us: AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.

1 John 5:1-3 (KJV) 1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH HIM THAT BEGAT LOVETH HIM ALSO THAT IS BEGOTTEN OF HIM.

1 John 5:2 (KJV) 2 BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, WHEN WE LOVE GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

WHEN WE ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO LOVE THE BRETHREN, WE ARE NOT ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO IMPART THE LOVE OF GOD IN US.

1 John 5:3 (KJV) 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE:

Rom 8:2 (KJV) 2 FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

1 John 3:24 (KJV) 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, BY THE SPIRIT WHICH HE HATH GIVEN US.

❖ **THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.**

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS WOULD HAVE LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE BECAUSE OF INIQUITY OR OFFENCES.

Rev 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE.

Rev 2:5 (KJV) 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

❖ **THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THYATIRA.**

Rev 2:18-19 (KJV) 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

Rev 2:19 (KJV) 19 I KNOW THY WORKS, AND CHARITY, AND SERVICE, AND FAITH, AND THY PATIENCE, AND THY WORKS; AND THE LAST TO BE MORE THAN THE FIRST.

THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT LAODICEA WAS LUKEWARM BECAUSE THE WORK OF GOD WAS NO LONGER BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THEY WERE CORRECTED SEVERELY BY JESUS CHRIST FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE.

Rev 3:14-19 (KJV) 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 (KJV) 15 I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR HOT: I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT.

Rev 3:16 (KJV) 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 (KJV) 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 (KJV) 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 (KJV) 19 AS MANY AS I LOVE, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN: be zealous therefore, and repent.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Matt 24:12 (KJV) 12 And BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD.

❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 4-5

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:4-5, THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO WROTE TO ENCOURAGE THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA, THAT THEY WERE THE BOAST OR GLORY OF THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL, SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHEUS IN ALL THE OTHER CHURCHES OF GOD, IN THE PROVINCE OF MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA.

THEY WERE AN EXAMPLE OF PATIENCE, FAITH AND LOVE IN THEIR PERSECUTIONS, AFFLICTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, WHICH WAS THE SPIRITUAL

EVIDENCE OF THEM RECEIVING THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD WHEN THEY STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT THE EVIDENCE OR PROOF OR MANIFEST TOKEN THAT WE ARE IN THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD THE FATHER (TO BE JUDGED WORTHY OR RIGHTEOUSLY BEFORE GOD THE FATHER) TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS WHEN WE ARE ENDURING THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST IN TRIBULATIONS, PERSECUTIONS AND AFFLICTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Thess 1:4-5 (KJV) 4 SO THAT WE OURSELVES GLORY IN YOU IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND FAITH IN ALL YOUR PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS THAT YE ENDURE:

2 Thess 1:5 (KJV) 5 WHICH IS A MANIFEST TOKEN OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE COUNTED WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FOR WHICH YE ALSO SUFFER:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE TRIBULATIONS AND SUFFERINGS IN THE WORLD FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

WE HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST AT WATER BAPTISM.

Matt 20:20-23 (KJV) 20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

Matt 20:21 (KJV) 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Matt 20:22 (KJV) 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

Matt 20:23 (KJV) 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized

with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

JESUS CHRIST STATED THAT IN THE WORLD WE WILL HAVE AFFLICTIONS, PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

John 16:33 (KJV) 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Acts 14:22 (KJV) 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, AND THAT WE MUST THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

WE MUST LEARN TO GLORY IN OUR TRIBULATIONS, SO THAT GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST ARE GLORIFIED IN OUR TRIBULATIONS FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Rom 5:3-5 (KJV) 3 And not only so, BUT WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS also: KNOWING THAT TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE;

Rom 5:4 (KJV) 4 AND PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE; AND EXPERIENCE, HOPE:

Rom 5:5 (KJV) 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1 Cor 4:11-13 (KJV) 11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

1 Cor 4:12 (KJV) 12 And labour, working with our own hands: BEING REVILED, WE BLESS; BEING PERSECUTED, WE SUFFER IT:

1 Cor 4:13 (KJV) 13 BEING DEFAMED, WE INTREAT: WE ARE MADE AS THE FILTH OF THE WORLD, AND ARE THE OFFSCOURING OF ALL THINGS UNTO THIS DAY.

2 Cor 1:7 (KJV) 7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, THAT AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF THE SUFFERINGS, SO SHALL YE BE ALSO OF THE CONSOLATION.

THE APOSTLE STATED THAT OUR TRIBULATIONS BRING GLORY TO GOD THE FATHER AND TO OTHER BRETHREN.

Eph 3:13 (KJV) 13 Wherefore I DESIRE THAT YE FAINT NOT AT MY TRIBULATIONS FOR YOU, which is your glory.

2 Tim 2:12-13 (KJV) 12 IF WE SUFFER, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM: IF WE DENY HIM, HE ALSO WILL DENY US:

2 Tim 2:13 (KJV) 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2 Tim 3:12 (KJV) 12 YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

1 Peter 4:1 (KJV) 1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: FOR HE THAT HATH SUFFERED IN THE FLESH HATH CEASED FROM SIN;

1 Peter 4:12-14 (KJV) 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1 Peter 4:13 (KJV) 13 BUT REJOICE, INASMUCH AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS; THAT, WHEN HIS GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED, YE MAY BE GLAD ALSO WITH EXCEEDING JOY.

1 Peter 4:14 (KJV) 14 IF YE BE REPROACHED FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST, HAPPY ARE YE; FOR THE SPIRIT OF GLORY AND OF GOD RESTETH UPON YOU: on their part he is evil spoken of, BUT ON YOUR PART HE IS GLORIFIED.

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, AFTER THAT YE HAVE SUFFERED A WHILE, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

❖ OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR FAITH TOWARDS GOD THE FATHER AND OUR PATIENCE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR SOUL.

Luke 21:19 (KJV) 19 IN YOUR PATIENCE POSSESS YE YOUR SOULS.

Heb 6:10-12 (KJV) 10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 6:11 (KJV) 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

Heb 6:12 (KJV) 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES.

THE APOSTLE JAMES STATED THAT OUR FAITH AND PATIENCE WILL INCREASE WHEN WE GO THROUGH TRIBULATIONS, AFFLICTIONS AND PERSECUTIONS FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

James 1:2-4 (KJV) 1 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

James 1:3 (KJV) 3 KNOWING THIS, THAT THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE.

James 1:4 (KJV) 4 BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING.

2 Peter 1:5-9 (KJV) 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE; and to virtue knowledge;

2 Peter 1:6 (KJV) 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance PATIENCE; AND TO PATIENCE GODLINESS;

2 Peter 1:7 (KJV) 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2 Peter 1:8 (KJV) 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:9 (KJV) 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Rev 13:10 (KJV) 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. HERE IS THE PATIENCE AND THE FAITH OF THE SAINTS.

Rev 14:12 (KJV) 12 HERE IS THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS: HERE ARE THEY THAT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND THE FAITH OF JESUS.

❖ OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD WHICH IS THE MANIFEST TOKEN OR GATHERING OF EVIDENCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED AND WILLING TO SUFFER FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE EXAMPLE OF THE MANIFEST TOKEN OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT OF GOD.

1 Peter 2:21-23 (KJV) 21 For even hereunto were ye called: BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:

1 Peter 2:22 (KJV) 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1 Peter 2:23 (KJV) 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; WHEN HE SUFFERED, HE THREATENED NOT; BUT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO HIM THAT JUDGETH RIGHTEOUSLY:

1 Peter 4:17 (KJV) 17 FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

WE ARE ABIDING IN JESUS CHRIST WHEN WE PARTAKE IN THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND WILL HAVE CONFIDENCE AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JESUS CHRIST THAT WE WILL BE JUDGED WORTHY.

1 John 2:28 (KJV) 28 And now, little children, ABIDE IN HIM; THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE, AND NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING.

❖ **2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSE 6**

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6, THE APOSTLE PAUL IS REMINDING THE BRETHREN OF THE FULFILMENT OF THE LORD'S DAY OR THE DAY OF THE LORD WHICH IS THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS AND IS THE WRATH OF GOD COMING UPON THE EARTH AS A RECOMPENSE UPON THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BEFORE THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST.

2 Thess 1:6 (KJV) 6 SEEING IT IS A RIGHTEOUS THING WITH GOD TO RECOMPENSE TRIBULATION TO THEM THAT TROUBLE YOU;

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Prov 20:22 (KJV) 22 SAY NOT THOU, I WILL RECOMPENSE EVIL; BUT WAIT ON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SAVE THEE.

Rom 12:17-19 (KJV) 17 RECOMPENSE TO NO MAN EVIL FOR EVIL. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Rom 12:18 (KJV) 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Rom 12:19 (KJV) 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, SAITH THE LORD.

Heb 10:30-31 (KJV) 30 FOR WE KNOW HIM THAT HATH SAID, VENGEANCE BELONGETH UNTO ME, I WILL RECOMPENSE, SAITH THE LORD. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

Heb 10:31 (KJV) 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

❖ **2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 7-10**

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:7-10, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN TO REST OR BE AT EASE IN THEIR MINDS WITH THOSE WHO WERE LABOURING IN THE MINISTRY, KNOWING THAT JESUS CHRIST WILL BE BRINGING

VENGEANCE TO RECOMPENSE THOSE WHO WERE EXECUTING THE TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS IN THE WORLD.

THOSE WHO ARE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD WILL BE PUNISHED WITH THE WRATH OF GOD UNDER HEAVEN AT THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE LORD'S DAY WHICH IS THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

2 Thess 1:7-10 (KJV) 7 And to you who are troubled REST WITH US, WHEN THE LORD JESUS SHALL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS,

2 Thess 1:8 (KJV) 8 In flaming fire TAKING VENGEANCE ON THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, AND THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:

2 Thess 1:9 (KJV) 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

2 Thess 1:10 (KJV) 10 WHEN HE SHALL COME TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in THAT DAY.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE RECOMPENSE OF GOD THE FATHER FOR THE TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS WE ENDURE IN THE WORLD.

Luke 14:13-14 (KJV) 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Luke 14:14 (KJV) 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: FOR THOU SHALT BE RECOMPENSED AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST.

Rom 12:19-21 (KJV) 19 DEARLY BELOVED, AVENGE NOT YOURSELVES, BUT RATHER GIVE PLACE UNTO WRATH: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, SAITH THE LORD.

Rom 12:20 (KJV) 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Rom 12:21 (KJV) 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Jude 1:14-15 (KJV) 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, BEHOLD, THE LORD COMETH WITH TEN THOUSANDS OF HIS SAINTS,

Jude 1:15 (KJV) 15 TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT UPON ALL, AND TO CONVINCe ALL THAT ARE UNGODLY AMONG THEM OF ALL THEIR UNGODLY DEEDS WHICH THEY HAVE UNGODLY COMMITTED, AND OF ALL THEIR HARD SPEECHES WHICH UNGODLY SINNERS HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST HIM.

❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1 CONTINUED VERSES 11-12

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD TO BE COUNTED WORTHY OF THEIR CALLING AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JESUS CHRIST.

GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST ARE GLORIFIED IN US AS WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD BY OUR SUFFERINGS FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

2 Thess 1:11-12 (KJV) 11 Wherefore also WE PRAY ALWAYS FOR YOU, THAT OUR GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF THIS CALLING, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

2 Thess 1:12 (KJV) 12 THAT THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN YOU, AND YE IN HIM, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON PRAYING ALWAYS.

Luke 18:1 (KJV) 1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, THAT MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT;

- **THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME.**

Rom 1:9-12 (KJV) 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, THAT WITHOUT CEASING I MAKE MENTION OF YOU ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS;

Rom 1:10 (KJV) 10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

Rom 1:11 (KJV) 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Rom 1:12 (KJV) 12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

- THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS.

Eph 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

Eph 1:16 (KJV) 16 CEASE NOT TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU, MAKING MENTION OF YOU IN MY PRAYERS;

- THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI FOR THEIR LABOUR FOR THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Phil 1:3-4 (KJV) 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

Phil 1:4 (KJV) 4 ALWAYS IN EVERY PRAYER OF MINE FOR YOU ALL making request with joy,

- THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

Col 1:3-4 (KJV) 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, PRAYING ALWAYS FOR YOU,

Col 1:4 (KJV) 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

- THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS PRAYING FOR THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA WHO WERE DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE AND FAITH TOWARDS GOD AND ALL THE SAINTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Thess 1:2-3 (KJV) 2 WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION OF YOU IN OUR PRAYERS;

1 Thess 1:3 (KJV) 3 Remembering without ceasing YOUR WORK OF FAITH, AND LABOUR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

- **THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS PRAYING FOR PHILEMON IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE WHO WAS DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE AND FAITH TOWARDS GOD AND TOWARDS ALL THE SAINTS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.**

Phm 1:4-5 (KJV) 4 I thank my God, MAKING MENTION OF THEE ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS,

Phm 1:5 (KJV) 5 HEARING OF THY LOVE AND FAITH, WHICH THOU HAST TOWARD THE LORD JESUS, AND TOWARD ALL SAINTS;

Eph 6:18 (KJV) 18 PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS;

- ❖ **OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON BEING WORTHY OF THE CALLING OF GOD THE FATHER.**

1 Cor 1:26-29 (KJV) 26 FOR YE SEE YOUR CALLING, BRETHREN, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

1 Cor 1:27 (KJV) 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1 Cor 1:28 (KJV) 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1 Cor 1:29 (KJV) 29 THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE.

1 Cor 7:20 (KJV) 20 LET EVERY MAN ABIDE IN THE SAME CALLING WHEREIN HE WAS CALLED.

Eph 4:1-3 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, BESEECH YOU THAT YE WALK WORTHY OF THE VOCATION WHEREWITH YE ARE CALLED,

Eph 4:2 (KJV) 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 (KJV) 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4-6 (KJV) 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, EVEN AS YE ARE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING;

Eph 4:5 (KJV) 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 (KJV) 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Phil 3:14 (KJV) 14 I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Thess 2:11-12 (KJV) 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

1 Thess 2:12 (KJV) 12 THAT YE WOULD WALK WORTHY OF GOD, WHO HATH CALLED YOU UNTO HIS KINGDOM AND GLORY.

2 Tim 1:8-9 (KJV) 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2 Tim 1:9 (KJV) 9 Who hath saved us, AND CALLED US WITH AN HOLY CALLING, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Heb 3:1 (KJV) 1 WHEREFORE, HOLY BRETHREN, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Peter 1:10 (KJV) 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, GIVE DILIGENCE TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS CHRIST TO THOSE WHO ARE JUDGED WORTHY AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JESUS CHRIST.

Rev 3:4 (KJV) 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; AND THEY SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE: FOR THEY ARE WORTHY.

❖ OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE GOOD PLEASURE OF GOD THE FATHER.

Luke 12:32 (KJV) 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.

Eph 1:5 (KJV) 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL,

Eph 1:9 (KJV) 9 Having made known unto us THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL, ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PLEASURE WHICH HE HATH PURPOSED IN HIMSELF:

Eph 2:10 (KJV) 10 FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.

Phil 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Phil 2:13 (KJV) 13 FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU both to will and TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

❖ OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST BEING GLORIFIED IN US AND BY US BEARING FRUIT THAT REMAIN AND WE WILL BE GLORIFIED IN HIM AND GOD THE FATHER AT HIS COMING.

Matt 5:16 (KJV) 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

WHEN GOD THE FATHER IS GLORIFIED IN US THROUGH OUR SUFFERINGS FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, GOD THE FATHER WILL ALSO GLORIFY US IN HIMSELF.

John 13:31-32 (KJV) 31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, NOW IS THE SON OF MAN GLORIFIED, AND GOD IS GLORIFIED IN HIM.

John 13:32 (KJV) 32 IF GOD BE GLORIFIED IN HIM, GOD SHALL ALSO GLORIFY HIM IN HIMSELF, and shall straightway glorify him.

John 15:8 (KJV) 8 HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; so shall ye be my disciples.

Rom 8:17-18 (KJV) 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER.

Rom 8:18 (KJV) 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH THAT THEIR BOAST SHOULD ONLY BE IN THE LORD.

2 Cor 10:17 (KJV) 17 BUT HE THAT GLORIETH, LET HIM GLORY IN THE LORD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Jer 9:23-24 (KJV) 23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

Jer 9:24 (KJV) 24 BUT LET HIM THAT GLORIETH GLORY IN THIS, THAT HE UNDERSTANDETH AND KNOWETH ME, THAT I AM THE LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

WE MUST BECOME THE GLORY OR THE BOAST OF THE LORD UPON THE EARTH.

GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST MUST ALSO BE GLORIFIED IN OUR LIVES BY OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR SUFFERINGS FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Gal 1:23-24 (KJV) 23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past NOW PREACHETH THE FAITH which once he destroyed.

Gal 1:24 (KJV) 24 AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD IN ME.

WE WILL ALSO BE GLORIFIED BY GOD THE FATHER WHEN WE BRING GLORY TO GOD THE FATHER AS WE SUFFER FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

Rom 8:30 (KJV) 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, THEM HE ALSO GLORIFIED.

JESUS CHRIST GLORIFIED NOT HIMSELF BUT GLORIFIED GOD THE FATHER IN HIS SUFFERINGS AND SOUGHT THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

Heb 5:5 (KJV) 5 SO ALSO CHRIST GLORIFIED NOT HIMSELF TO BE MADE AN HIGH PRIEST; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (KJV) 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV) 7 THAT THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH, BEING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN OF GOLD THAT PERISHETH, though it be tried with fire, MIGHT BE FOUND UNTO PRAISE AND HONOUR AND GLORY AT THE APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST: