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This little letter, perhaps the last letter Paul wrote to a congregation can be summed up by saying: **Keep focused!** Keep your eye on the prize! Spelled out in this little chapter.

Thanksgiving and encouragement in persecution,

¹ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the congregation of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith increases greatly, and the love of each of you all toward one another flourishes;

⁴ so that we ourselves boast in you -- the congregations of God for your endurance and faith amid all your persecutions and afflictions that you endure:

⁵ which is a clear indication of God's right judgment, so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering:

⁶ for it is only right that God repay with affliction those who trouble you;

⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted as also to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

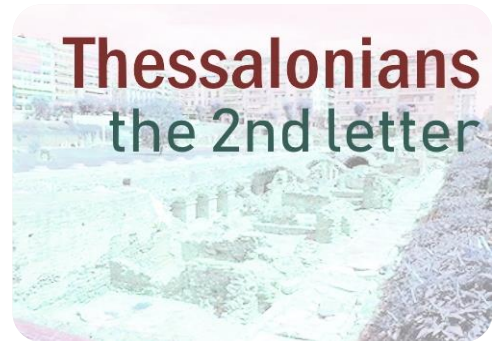
⁸ taking vengeance on those who ignore God; and who do not obey the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁹ who will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;

¹⁰ when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day; to be revered by all those who believe -- because our testimony to you was believed.

¹¹ For this reason, we pray for you always, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfil every desire for goodness, and the work of faith with power:

¹² in order that the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ is glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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