

BUILD TO LAST

I & 2 THESSALONIANS

“Suffering in Context”

November 8, 2020

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Part 12 of “Build to Last”

“Persecution succeeds when it takes our eyes off the _____
of _____.”

2 Thess. 1:10, “... when he comes on that day to be _____.”

1. God's Generous _____.

Romans 10:17, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing
through...”

1 John 4:8, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is...”

2. God's Righteous _____.

Nahum 1:1-7

Romans 12:19, ““Vengeance is _____, I will _____,
says the Lord.”

2 Thess. 1:7, “*revealed...*”
- *Apokalypsei*

3. God's Ultimate _____.

2 Thess. 1:10, “when he comes on that day to...”

He is glorified _____ what we do, but he is at the last to be
glorified _____ what we are.

4. Paul's _____.

2 Thess. 1:10, “when he comes on that day to...”

Paul's prayer is first that God would...

And second...

Activity and Discussion for Families

Talk about God's glory in your own words. How would you explain it to someone who has never been to church or read the Bible?

Define "persecutions and afflictions" in your own life? How do those things pull your focus away from God's glory?

Discussion Questions

Why does Paul begin so many letters with grace and peace? Define these words as clearly as possible and share examples of God's grace and peace in your own life.

Read 2 Thessalonians.

Why is Paul thankful for their increasing faith and love?

What does Jesus' return mean for the believers? How about the unbelievers?

How should that knowledge impact the way we approach unbelievers in our lives?

What does the promise of rest and relief mean for you?

Read Paul's prayer in verses 11-12.
How is God making his people worthy?

How is Jesus glorified in his disciples?

*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gifts you have given us, for increasing our faith and love. Thank you for the promise of your righteous judgment and eternity in your presence. Lord, continue to work on us, that we would glorify you in our lives now, and fully when you return. And do, please, return just as soon as possible. Amen.*