

**{53} II Thessalonians**

**Chapter 1**

(1) Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians<sup>a</sup> in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

(2) Grace to you, and peace,<sup>b</sup> from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) We are bound to thank God always for you, brothers, as it is appropriate, because your faith is growing exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all towards each other abounds;

(4) So that we ourselves boast in you in the churches of God because of your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure:

(5) *Which* is revealed as a token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer:

(6) Since *it is* a righteous thing with God to reward tribulation to those who trouble you;

(7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,<sup>c</sup>

(8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

(9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;

(10) When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all those who believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

(11) Therefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

(12) That the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:1a – church of Thessalonica – Acts 17:1f

1:2b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

1:7c - the day of Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8