

## A Study in the Epistles

### II Thess. Chapter 1

**I. Introduction:** This epistle was written by Paul shortly after he had written First Thessalonians. Either Silas or Timothy Delivered the first letter to the Thessalonian Church and brought back another excellent report to Paul of their continued progress in faith and love . Paul was so moved by the good news that he sat down and wrote this second epistle to them.

In this epistle he both complements them on their Christian growth and corrects any misunderstandings concerning Christ's return to earth again.

As well as this being Paul's second epistle, this letter also stands as the second written document of the New Testament. The date of its writing was about 51 A.D. while Paul was still at Corinth. [see Acts chap. 18]

#### II. Chapter 1

##### A. Paul's compliments [Verse 3]

1. " your faith groweth exceedingly . "
2. " the charity of every one of you " .
3. "all toward each other aboundeth".

##### B. Their persecution [verse 4]

1. " your faith and patience--"
2. " in all your persecution and tribulations--"  
" that ye endure ", " for which ye also suffer ", "them that trouble you " .

##### C. God's judgment on the wicked promised. [Verses 5-6 & 7-10]

1. The persecution that the wicked commit against the righteous is only a "token" of God's judgment to come against them [the wicked].  
[Verses 5-6]
2. Referance made to The Tribulation period and Armageddon.  
[Verses 7-10] .

#### III. Paul's consolation . The Rest !

[verse 7] "-- rest with us--"

##### A. The Rest is promised to every Believer.

[Isa. 28:11-12] and [Matt. 11:28-29]

##### B. Every Believer has The right to partake of that rest. [Heb. 4:1, 3, 9-11].