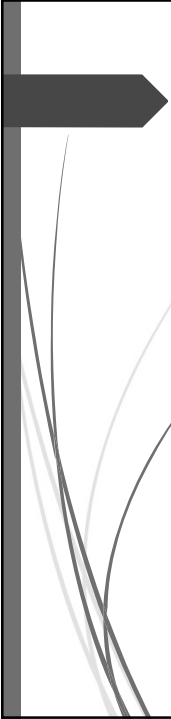




# The Jesus of Justice

2 Thess. 1:1-12

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**The Main Point:** Christians should be encouraged by their endurance of affliction in the present, as it makes them fit for God's righteous judgment in the future.

## Greetings and Thanksgiving

- Grace to you—the same grace as a few months ago
- Thankfulness—1 Thess. is largely being heeded (cf. 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9-10)
- Boasting of you in the churches
  - Steadfastness and faith in persecutions and afflictions

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### The Lord Who Brings Justice

- “This is evidence”—to what does “this” refer?
  - being “made worthy” for the Kingdom for which you also suffer (cf. Rom. 8:17)
- God's “eye for eye” game with wickedness and relief to the faithful
  - When? At the revelation of Christ—heavenly host, flaming glory, inflicting vengeance
- Who? Gospel-rejectors and disobeyers
- What? Eternal destruction—away from the Lord's presence and might
- When, just to clarify again? On that day when he comes

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- To be glorified in, to be marveled at among, believers

- God, who calls and comes through (again) cf. 1 Thess. 5:23-24)
- The end: glorification for both King and subjects (cf. Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:4)

### Living Ahead of Holy Vengeance

- Don't waste your suffering.
- Christians will be *vindicated*, not merely saved.
- Allow the approaching reality of devastating payback and public “I told you so” to temper personal vindictiveness and bitterness.
- Allow the promise of glory then to fuel humility, now.

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