

"What A Day That Will Be!"

2 Thessalonians
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III We must pay much closer attention to living with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)

A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 – 12)

7. The Gospel Promises The Real Glorification Of Christ When He Confirms The Testimony Of His Church, (vs. 10)

Message Emphasis: Many do not give proper credence to Christ's return and glorification. The return of Christ is really seen as just something that must be done so we can move on to something else; usually rewards in heaven. We must understand that Christ's return means that He will be glorified in all creation and that the testimony of His redemption will be the center piece of the end of time.

10.1) Christ's Return Is For His Glory Not Exclusively For Our Translation

Our Text Says, "**When He Comes On That Day To Be Glorified** (Aor.Pas.Inf)" - **1** "each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done." (1 Corinthians 3:13, ESV)

1. There really is only one day that any of us should be concerned about; Christ's day - "...how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, ESV)

10.2) Christ's Return Will Reveal The Mystery Of The Church

Our Text Says, "**In His Saints & Marveled** (Aor.Pas.Inf) **At Among Those Who Believed** (Aor.Act.Part)" - **1** "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **2** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:11-14, ESV)

1. In all the things Christ could be glorified in, He is most glorified in those who are predestined to salvation - "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:9-11, ESV)
2. The salvation of God's elect is too good to be true; the Spirit of Christ guarantees the inheritance - "And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, ESV)

For his the kingdom, his of right, He rules the nations by his might; All earth to him her homage brings, The Lord of lords, the King of kings.

10.3) Christ's Return Will Be Anticipated Only By Those Who Believe The Gospel

Our Text Says, "**Because Our Testimony Was Believed** (Aor.Pas.Ind)" - **1** for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. **2** But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. **3** Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:11-13, ESV)

1. The testimony of Christ is entrusted to those who are appointed to proclaim Christ at their own expense
2. The testimony of Christ is not shameful or useless; the message has been safeguarded by Christ Himself
3. The testimony of Christ is faithfully given to those who will carry the message to the next generation

*****What Must I Do To Be Saved? ***** **Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will His return be a joyous event. "**Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.**" (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8, ESV)

8. The Gospel Prepares The Real Faith Within The Life Of Every Believer, (vs. 11)
9. The Gospel Prepares The Real Grace Within The Life Of Every Believer, (vs. 12)

- B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
- C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)