

Comfort in Affliction

2 Thess. 1

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- 1) How does context inform the meaning?
 - A. Historical context (circumstances and culture of the audience)
 - i. Written [probably] six months after 1 Thess.
 - ii. Persecution had increased
 - iii. Addressed basically the same issues, just from different perspective
 - b. Literary context (passages surrounding)
 - *The letter's (epistle) major sections*
 - I. Introduction & _____(chpt. 1)
 - II. _____ (chpt. 2-3)
 - A. Re: the _____ of the _____
 - B. Living in constant _____
 - c. Biblical context (connections to other places in the Bible)
 - ^{11a}Therefore encourage one another and build one another up...^{18a} give thanks in all circumstances (**1 Thess. 5:11a, 17a, ESV**)
 - ^{3a}We ought always to give thanks to God for you (**2 Thess. 1:3a, ESV**)
- 2) What is the structure of the passage?
 - I. Missionaries' _____ (v. 1-2)
 - II. _____ for affliction. (v. 3-12)
 - A. Evidence that the _____ is healthy and alive
 - i. Strong _____ (v.3a)
 - ii. Increasing _____ (v.3b)
 - iii. _____ steadfastly (v.4)
 - B. God's _____ is coming (v. 5-10)
 - i. (Positive) For the _____: worthy to enter the kingdom of God (v. 5)

ii. (Negative) For the _____: to be repaid with affliction from God (v. 6-10)

(1) God will grant _____ from unjust affliction on Christ's followers when Christ returns (v.7)

(2) God will send flaming fire of _____ on those who do not know Him and obey the Gospel (v. 8-10)

C. God's _____ in the people of Christ's church (v. 11-12)

i. The missionaries' _____ (v. 11)

1 Thess. 5:25 Brothers, **pray for** _____.

2 Thess. 1:11 To this end we _____ **pray for** _____

1 Thess. 5:17 pray without _____

(1) Made worthy of God's _____ (v. 11b)

(2) God's _____ to fulfil every good work of faith (v. 11c)

ii. The Lord's _____ (v. 12)

[Why not the purpose of *their* prayer?]

3) What is the author's main idea for *his audience*?

To encourage remaining strong in the _____, increasing in _____, and _____ steadfastly through hardships because the end has not yet come; God is still at work in believers completing His task of fulfilling His call for them to _____ the Gospel and glorify Christ

The *cause* of your discouragement or depression doesn't change the need to receive encouragement, prayer, and support from fellow believers (the _____).

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 - *The letter's (epistle) major sections*
 - III. Introduction & **encouragement** (chpt. 1)
 - IV. **Instructions** (chpt. 2-3)
 - A. Re: the **Day** of the **Lord**
 - B. Living in constant **expectancy**
 - e. Biblical context (connections to other places in the Bible)
 - ^{11a} Therefore encourage one another and build one another up... ^{18a} give thanks in all circumstances (1 **Thess. 5:11a, 17a, ESV**)
 - ^{3a} We ought always to give thanks to God for you (2 **Thess. 1:3a, ESV**)
- 5) What is the structure of the passage?
- III. Missionaries' **greeting** (v. 1-2)
 - IV. **Comfort** for affliction. (v. 3-12)
 - A. Evidence that the **church** is healthy and alive
 - i. Strong **faith** (v.3a)
 - ii. Increasing **love** (v.3b)
 - iii. **Enduring** steadfastly (v.4)
 - B. God's **judgement** is coming (v. 5-10)
 - i. For the **righteous**: worthy to enter the kingdom of God (v. 5)
 - ii. For the **persecutors**: to be repaid with affliction from God (v. 6-10)

- (1) God will grant **relief** when Christ returns from unjust affliction on Christ's followers (v.7)
- (2) God will send flaming fire of **vengeance** on those who do not know Him and obey the Gospel (v. 8-10)
- C. God's **work** in the people of Christ's church (v. 11-12)
 - i. The missionaries' **prayer** (v. 11)
 - 1 Thess. 5:25 Brothers, **pray for us**.
 - 2 Thess. 1:11 To this end we **always pray for you**
 - 1 Thess. 5:17 pray without **ceasing**
 - (1) Made worthy of God's **calling** (v. 11b)
 - (2) God's **power** to fulfil every good work of faith (v. 11c)
 - ii. The Lord's **purpose** (v. 12)
[Why not the purpose of *their* prayer?]

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The *cause* of your discouragement or depression doesn't change the need to receive encouragement, prayer, and support from fellow believers (the **church**).