2 Thessalonians

God's Final Judgment and Glory (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12)

Read: God's Final Judgment and Glory (1:3-12)

Explain: God's Final Judgment and Glory (1:3-12)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

3 We are bound [present active indicative] to thank [eu_________teo; present active infinitive; be grateful, express gratitude, say grace at a meal, give thanks] God always for you, brethren, as it is [present active indicative] fitting [deserving, comparable or suitable, reward, meet, worthy], because your faith [pistis] grows exceedingly [present active indicative], and the love [agape] of every one of you all abounds [present active indicative; cf. 1 Thessalonians 3:12] toward each other [one another].

4 so that we ourselves boast [present middle infinitive; boast, glory, joy, rejoice] of you among the churches [ekklesia] of God for your patience [cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy, enduring, patience, patient continuance, waiting] and faith [pistis] in all your [plural] persecutions and tribulations [pressure, afflicted, anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble] that you endure [present middle indicative; to hold __________ up against, put up with, bear with, endure, forbear, suffer],

5 which is manifest evidence [indication, manifest token] of the righteous [dikaios; equitable, innocent, holy, just, meet, righteous] judgment [decision, tribunal, justice, accusation, condemnation, damnation, judgment] of God, that you may be counted worthy [aorist passive infinitive; deem entirely deserving, account worthy] of the kingdom [royalty, rule, realm, kingdom] of God, for which you also suffer [present active indicative; __________, passion, suffer, vex];

6 since it is a righteous thing [dikaios; equitable, innocent, holy, just, meet, righteous] with God to repay [second aorist active infinitive; to requite good or evil, recompense, render, repay] with tribulation [pressure, afflicted, anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble] those who trouble [present active participle; crowd, afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble] you, 7 and to give you who are troubled [present passive participle; crowd, afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble] rest [relaxation, relief, eased, liberty, rest] with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed [apokalypsis; disclosure, appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be
revealed, revelation] from heaven [the sky, heaven, air] with His mighty [dynamis; force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, meaning, might, miracle, power, strength, violence, mighty work] angels [messengers, angel].

8 in flaming [blaze, flaming] fire [pyr; fiery, fire] taking [present active participle] vengeance [vindication, retribution, re-venge-ance, punishment] on those who do not know [____________ active participle; be aware, behold, consider, have knowledge, look on, perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish] God, and on those who do not obey [present active participle; to hear under (as a subordinate), listen attentively, to heed or conform to a command or authority, hearken, be obedient to, obey; cf. Isaiah 66:4, 15; Who is Paul claiming Jesus to be? _____] the gospel [euaggelion; good message, gospel] of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished [justice (the principle, a decision, or its execution), judgment, punish, vengeance] with everlasting [perpetual, eternal, for ever, everlasting] destruction [death, punishment, destruction] from the presence [front, countenance, aspect, appearance, surface, face] of the Lord and from the glory [glory, dignity, honor, praise, worship] of His power [force, forcefulness, ability, might, power, strength; cf. Isaiah 2:10], 10 when He comes [second aorist active subjunctive; comes, appears, brings, enters], in that Day, to be glorified [aorist passive infinitive; to glorify] in His saints [hagios; sacred, holy, saint; cf. Psalm 89:7] and to be admired [aorist passive infinitive; to wonder, to admire, have in admiration, wonder] among all those who believe [pisteuo; present active participle; to have faith, credit, to entrust, believe, commit, put in trust with], because our testimony [martyrion; evidence given, testified, testimony, witness] among you was believed [pisteuo; aorist passive indicative].

11 Therefore we also pray [present middle/passive indicative; pray, supplicate, worship] always for you that our God would count you worthy [aorist active subjunctive; deem entitled or fit, desire, think good, count worthy] of this calling [invitation, calling], and fulfill [pleroo; aorist active subjunctive; make replete, _____ a net, level up a hollow, furnish, satisfy, execute, finish, verify, accomplish, complete, end, expire, fill up, fulfil, be full, make full, fully preach, perfect, supply] all the good pleasure [satisfaction, delight, kindness, wish, purpose, desire, good pleasure] of His goodness [goodness, virtue, beneficence] and the work [ergon; work, toil, deed, doing, labor] of faith [pistis] with power [dynamis]. 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified [aorist passive subjunctive; to glorify; cf. Isaiah 66:5] in you, and you in Him, according to the grace [charis; graciousness, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, gracious, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks] of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Are there any repeated words?
You/your (____), _____ (8), Lord (5), Jesus (4), Christ (3), faith (3), glorified/glory (3), always (2), good/goodness (2), power (2), righteous (2), tribulation(s) (2), worthy (2)

Apply (What is the point?)  Personalize (What do we do with that?)
1. God is due thanks 1. Thank _____ for believers in their _____________
2. Pressure is coming 2. Endure (_____________ is better)
3. God is just 3. _______ His judgment
4. Christ's return is a comfort 4. Do not ______ Revelation
5. God desires pleasure in us in Christ 5. Pray for ________________ of God's pleasure in us

Next week: The Great Apostasy (2:1-12)

Homework
1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)
3. Talk to someone about the text (fb.com/OurSundaySchool or in person)
4. Share (fb.com/OurSundaySchool) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

Extra Credit
Read 1 Thessalonians and look for places where Paul's first message got through and places where his first message didn't get through (cf. 1 Thessalonians 3:12 with 2 Thessalonians 1:3)