

## *Notes for 2 Thessalonians chapter 1:1-7*

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
2 Thess. 1:1-2	Greeting	We are again reminded that “church” is a group of people connected to one another in Jesus Christ	2 Corinthians 1:9; Acts 15:40; 16:1 Romans 1:7	“Lord Jesus Christ” is significant – it emphasizes Jesus as God, Savior, and the Chosen One
2 Thess. 1:3	Faith	The faith of these persecuted believers was growing and was manifested in their love for one another	1 Thessalonians 1:2; 3:12	οφειλω (opheilo): “ought” - This is an obligation, a debt which must be paid
2 Thess. 1:4	Christian Example	Paul “boasted” about the Thessalonians so as to encourage other churches in their trials, as well as the Thessalonians themselves	1 Peter 5:6-7 2 Corinthians 7:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:14	υπομονη (hupomone) - is translated: patience or steadfastness, constancy, endurance. In the NT it is the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his faith even by the greatest trials and sufferings
2 Thess. 1:5	Christian Suffering	Christian suffering is not a judgment from God, but serves as proof that one belongs to Christ.	1 Peter 4:12-14; Philippians 1:27-30	“suffer” comes from the Greek word πασχω (pascho). This is where the term “Paschal” Lamb comes from, meaning the “suffering” Lamb
2 Thess. 1:6	Judgment of God	Those who persecute believers will be judged by God on the Last Day and their trouble will be “returned”	Colossians 3:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:16	ανταποδιδομι (antapodidomi) literally means to “pay again” it can have a positive meaning (“repay” or “pay back”) or a negative meaning (“judgment, or vengeance”).
2 Thess. 1:7a	Mercy of God	Believers in Christ will receive relief from the trouble they have faced in their life.	Luke 16:25; Hebrews 4:9; Revelation 14:13	ανεσις (anesis) means: relief, rest, from persecutions (this word is only used 5 times in the NT - Here as well as in Acts 24:23; and 2 Corinthians 2:13; 7:5; 8:13)

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