

What God thinks about

⁵This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment

so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God,
for which indeed you are suffering.

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Our worthiness

His justice

⁶For
after all
it is *only* just for God
to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
⁷and
to *give* relief to you who are afflicted
and
to us as well

What God will do

when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed
from heaven
with His mighty angels in flaming fire

deal out r_____

⁸dealing out retribution
to those who do not know God
and
to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁹And
these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction,
away
from the presence of the Lord
and
from the glory of His power,

reveal His g_____

¹⁰when He comes
to be glorified
in His saints
on that day,
and
to be marveled at among all who have believed
-- for our testimony to you was believed.

What God desires

¹¹To this end
also
we pray for you
always
that
our God

may count you worthy of your calling,

and
fulfill every desire

for
goodness
and
the work of faith with power;

to count us w_____

to fulfill every good d_____

The Result

¹²in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified
in you,
and
you in Him,
according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When?

2:1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him,

² that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

⁵ Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

⁶ And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

⁸ And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

¹¹ And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false,

¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

¹³ But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

¹⁴ And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.