

A STUDY OF 2 THESSALONIANS

Trust Before Timing

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Unshakeable hope begins with trusting Christ.

Unshakeable hope is based on God's <u>righteous</u> justice.

Promises of God's justice:

- · Counted worthy
- Future rest
- Marvelous presence

Retribution of God's justice:

- Trouble repaid
- Suffer punishment
- · Totally separated

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Re-read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12. Verse 5 begins with the words, "All this is evidence..." What evidence is Paul referring to? (Look back at the prior 4 verses) What does "all this evidence" prove?
- 2. What are some ways God will demonstrate His righteous justice: both positive (promises) and negative (consequences)? According to verse 10, who will receive the benefits of God's justice and why?
- 3. If there was a point that you made the choice to trust Christ, describe it. In what way does that decision give you hope?
- 4. Why do you think Paul listed specific ways he prayed for his friends? How might you follow his example?
- 5. Of all the ways Paul encouraged his friends, ("You made the right choice..." "God's justice is coming..." "Here's how I've been praying for you...") which one is the most meaningful to you personally?

Memory Verse

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."