

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 6, 2018
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

1. What kind of book is 2 Thessalonians?
 - a. Gospel.
 - b. Epistle.
 - c. Prophecy.

2. Who wrote the book of 2 Thessalonians? _____

3. How do Paul and his companions feel about the Thessalonian church, according to 1:3-4?
 - a. About the same as they felt in the last letter.
 - b. They ought to always thank God for them.
 - c. They have good reason to thank God for them (rightly so).
 - d. They are thankful because their faith is growing more and more.
 - e. They are thankful because the love they have for one another is increasing.
 - f. They boast about this church to other churches because of their perseverance in persecution and trials.

4. What does Paul say that about their perseverance and faith in persecution and trial, according to 1:5-7?
 - a. It is evidence that God's judgment is right...wait, what does that mean?
 - b. They have been counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which they are suffering.
 - c. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled...

5. What does this mean for us, when we experience hardship for the Kingdom of God?
 - a. Hard to say, I'll let you know when it happens.
 - b. We don't have to seek justice and retribution for those who cause us harm.
 - c. There is justice in the long run. We should not give up, but remember that God will care for us.
 - d. There is a reward for perseverance when he returns (see 1:10).

6. How, then, do Paul and his companions pray for the Thessalonians, according to 1:11-12?
 - a. That God may make you worthy of his calling.
 - b. That by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.
 - c. That the name of the Lord Jesus may be glorified in you...

7. How do you pray for those who are experiencing hardship?
 - a. Uh, the way I want them to pray for me...that it goes away!
 - b. That His people would show themselves worthy of His calling.
 - c. That His people would persevere, continuing to do good despite hardship.
 - d. That through everything, Jesus might be glorified.

8. What sort of prayer do you request in times of hardship? _____