



Studies in 2 Thessalonians #1
Encouragement Under Fire
Part 1

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
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Introduction: *Before we can begin our study of 2 Thessalonians, we must understand the background and purpose of the letter.*

- I. The encouragement of praise (1:1-4)*
- II. The encouragement of promise (1:5-10)*
- III. The encouragement of prayer (1:11-12)*

I. The encouragement of praise (1:1-4)

Paul's greeting (1:1-2)

A. Their faith was growing. (1:3a)

- A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted.
- Expect your faith to be tested.
- Faith like a muscle must be exercised to grow stronger.
- An easy life leads to a shallow faith.

B. Their love was abounding. (1:3b)

C. Their perseverance was increasing. (1:4)

1. Believers will endure trouble.
2. God never wastes suffering.

D. Their testimony was helping others. (1:4a)

Conclusion: