

2 Thessalonians 1 – *Reassurance for the Persecuted*

The need for reassurance.

Context – A church under pressure (Acts 17:1-9).

Three reassurances God gives:

1. Growth through Persecution (vv.3-5)

- “Growing faith”
- “Increasing love”

Expect that God will bring gain through the pain.

2. Justice for Persecution (vv.6-10)

- Divine retribution for persecutors.
- Divine relief for the persecuted.

Take comfort from the justice will come.

3. Power in Persecution (vv.11-12)

- To keep working in us.
- To keep working through us.
- To glorify Jesus.

Be prayerfully optimistic about what God can do.