

**Series: Revelation in Glory**

**Title: Correction Concerning Persecution,  
“A Christian Hope in Tribulation”**

**Text: (2 Thessalonians 1:1-12)**

**I. Correction Concerning Persecution: 1:1-5**

**A. Christian Greeting: 1: 1, 2**

**B. Christian Hope in Tribulation: 1: 3 - 12**

**1. A Delight In Them. vs 3 - 10**

Is a Long Run-On Sentence.

**a. Have your heart right. vs 3, 4**

**b. Have your head right. vs 5 - 10**

**2. A Desire For Them. vs 11, 12**

**B. Christian Hope in Tribulation: *Cont'***

**1. A Delight In Them. vs 3 - 10**

**b. Have your head right. vs 5 - 10**

1). God's Righteous Judgment. vs 5

2). God's Recompense. vs 6

3). God's rest. vs 7

A.) Prospect of relief from the afflictions that tormented them.

B.) Rest is not appreciated unless one is tired: (Heb 4:10)

C.) Christian life on this earth is not the time of rest.

D.) There can be rest in the midst of trials.

E.) A Day free from restraints, & tensions

4). God's Revelation. vs 7

A.) Lord Jesus is coming in judgment.

B.) From Heaven. In all Majesty & Power.

C.) With the Angels, mighty, powerful.

(Matt 13:39) (Matt 25:31) Reapers

The passage parallels Revelation 19:11-21.

**e. God's Retribution vs 8, 9**

It is no wonder it is called the “*great day of his wrath*”  
(Revelation 6:17).

**1.) Flaming fire.**

a.) Fire is often associated with the Divine presence in the OT (Ex 3:2) (Isa 66:15)

b.) God will come in fiery vengeance.

c.) God is a consuming fire.

(Heb 12:29) *For our God is a consuming fire.*

**2.) Today, the world as a whole does not want to consider the fact that God is going to execute vengeance upon it.**

(2 Pet 3:3-7)

a.) Men of "religion" assure their hearers that a God of love would not seek to punish anyone.

b.) Only God alone has the right to Punish His creation.  
(Deut 32:35) *To me belongeth vengeance, & recompence;*

c.) People today lack the character to execute judgment themselves upon the wicked, and therefore they do not expect God to do so either.

d.) Vengeance belongs to God. (Heb 10:30-31)

e.) Love is NOT incompatible with vengeance: (Ps 7:11)

### **3.) Man's sin.**

- a.) They do not know God: (Rom 1:28)
- b.) They do not obey the Gospel.
  - (1) They obey not the truth: (Rom 2:8)
  - (2) They have heard the Word and rejected it.

### **4.) Man's punishment.**

- a.) Eternal destruction to the wicked.
  - (1) Hell often relegated to folklore & myth.
  - (2) Many people who believe in heaven don't want to believe in hell.
  - (3) Ridicule does not mean Hell doesn't exist.
  - (4) Hell is more than a place of physical torment.
  - (5) Essence of eternal life is to be with God,  
To be without Him is eternal death.
- b.) The Damned are Shut out of the presence of the Lord.
  - (1) Deprived of the blessing of God's presence.
  - (2) Endless separation from the presence of God.  
(Lam 4:16)(Heb 8:9b)
  - (3) Pass into a night on which no morning dawns.
  - (4) Final horror of sin is separation from God. (Isa 59:2)
- c.) Removal from glory and power.
  - (1) They are fit for the penalty they will receive.
  - (2) They are without excuse. (Rom 1:20)
  - (3) Their punishment is not vindictive but deserved.  
(Rev 19:15) (Is 11:4)

### **f. Glorification of Christ. vs 10**

#### **1.) Glorified in them:** (I John 3:2)

#### **2.) Admired in them.**

- a.) Relationship of the saints to the blessed hope.
- b.) 2nd Coming of Christ justifies the Believer.

(Matt 24:30; Lk 21:27)

### **B. God's Desire for them. vs 11, 12**

#### **1. Worthiness was sought. vs 11,** (Eph 4:1)

- a. Because we are called.
- b. Because we obey.

#### **2. God's Fullness was to be seen. vs 11**

- a. In doing God's will.
- b. In doing God's work.
  - 1.) Faith needs growth to remain active and alive.
  - 2.) Power of God must operate in men's lives (vs 11)

#### **3. God's Purpose shown in them. vs 12**

- a. Name of Christ glorified.
- b. Our lives are to glorify Jesus Christ: (Phil 1:20)
- c. All because of God's grace.