



God's Grace in Our Growth
20th in the "Thessalonians" Series
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4
July 27, 2025
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Introduction: This text begins Paul's second correspondence with the church of the Thessalonians by acknowledging the church's growing faith.

1) The Second Letter to the Church of the Thessalonians (vv. 1-2).

2) Christians can rightly acknowledge growth in one another by boasting in the Lord (v. 3).

3) Christian growth is fueled by God's grace through enduring persecution and trial (v. 4).

Response: *Praise God for the grace to persevere through trials and grow in faith (2 Cor. 8:1-5)!*

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

1. As a Small Group, take 10 minutes to read the whole epistle together out loud.
2. What word or phrase stands out to you in Paul's second letter to the church of the Thessalonians, and why?
3. How does verse 3 give us a model for Christian encouragement? Who is one Christian brother or sister you can encourage this week in the same way?
4. In what ways do persecution and trials look similar today as they did back in the time of Paul's letter? In what ways did they look different?
5. What tangible ways has God given you grace to persevere through persecution and trials? What persecutions and trials are you currently facing?
6. In what other ways did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: 2 Thess. 1:1-12 (Mon); 2 Thess. 2:1-12 (Tues); 2 Thess. 2:13-17 (Wed); 2 Thess. 3:1-5 (Thurs); 2 Thess. 3:6-18 (Fri)