

After listening to the recording of Class #2 of our continuing study of Second Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

## **Second Thessalonians Class #2**

### **#1. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5**

- A. Who is it “fitting” that we would be thankful for in Christ?
- B. Why does seeing great faith in fellow saints encourage us so much?
- C. Why does a love toward one another (that grows even greater) encourage others?
- D. How do we encourage one another? Who should we point to: us or Christ Jesus?
- E. When persecutions & afflictions arise for doing good, what is the right response?
- F. When persecutions & afflictions arise for doing good, what should we avoid?
- G. Why is it so important for us to realize that God’s judgement is according to what is righteous? Should this make an impression upon us?
- H. By what does Jesus reign/rule in His Kingdom? [Hebrews 1:8-9]
- I. Why were these saints in Thessalonica considered “worthy of the kingdom of God”?
- J. Must the righteous suffer? How did God respond to the righteous? [2 Peter 2:7-9]  
What happened to the unrighteous?
- K. Does God know how to rescue the righteous, when afflictions/persecutions arise?
- L. Are you assured God can rescue you? Is His Kingdom based on righteousness?

### **#2. Read Daniel 6:1-28**

- A. Is Daniel righteous? Faithful? How diligently did Daniel seek God?
- B. Why did God show Daniel such great favor? [Daniel 1:9]
- C. Would you have considered ceasing from prayer?
- D. Is Daniel worthy of the kingdom of God? Why?
- E. What happened to the unrighteous in this chapter?
- F. How many opportunities did Daniel have to give up on faithfulness toward God?
- G. How does God respond to faith in the midst of our lives? [Hebrews 11:6]
- H. Did God still allow Daniel to be in danger? Would it have been scary?
- I. Did God rescue Daniel? Can God rescue the righteous who trust in Him?
- J. Who was changed the most by these events in chapter 6?

### **#3. Read Acts 5:27-42**

- A. What was the conviction of Peter’s (& the Apostles’) heart? Is it your conviction too?
- B. How painful would a flogging be? How would you respond to being lacerated?
- C. How did their faith respond to afflictions & persecutions?
- D. Did Jesus give instruction? Did they walk by flesh or faith? Do you? [Matt 5:10-12]