

Spiritual strength through hardship

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, p. 958

I. GREETINGS/BACKGROUND (2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2)

- Paul wrote this while serving with Silas and Timothy (1).
- Paul reminded them of God's grace and peace (2).
- Context: Their faith in Christ brought them persecution (2; Acts 17:1-15; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2:13-16).

II. A GROWING FAITH – CONFIDENCE IN GOD DURING TRIALS (2 THESSALONIANS 1:3a)

III. INCREASING LOVE – FOR ALL OTHER BELIEVERS (2 THESSALONIANS 1:3b)

IV. PERSEVERANCE IN HARDSHIP (2 THESSALONIANS 1:4-5)

- Paul was boasting to other churches about their steadfast faith in persecution and trials (1:4).
- Paul assured them that God would approve them as worthy someday for their perseverance (1:5).