

Sermon Notes for 1-23-05

Evening: “**The Comfort of His Coming**” II Thessalonians 1:1-12

(Pew Bible page 1051) Or, “**The Tsunami of His Coming**”

I. The Church in **Spiritual Preparation** for His Coming. II Thessalonians 1:1-3

Augustine: “When the Bible speaks, God speaks.”

- The Preparation of **Grace**— “Grace unto you and peace” II Thessalonians 1:2
- The Preparation of **Growth**— “Your faith grows more and more” II Thessalonians 1:3
 - ❖ Growth in Godly Love— “The love of everyone of you all toward each other aboundeth” II Thessalonians 1:3
 - ❖ Growth in Godly Labor— “We ourselves glory in you in the Churches of God” II Thessalonians 1:4
 - ❖ Growth in Godly Longsuffering— “For your patience and faith” II Thessalonians 1:4a

II. The Church **Suffering Persecution** before His Coming. “Your persecutions and tribulations you endure.” II Thessalonians 1:4-6

- A Persecution of Accusations—See Acts 17:1, 6-7 (984)
- A Persecution of Assault—See Acts 17:5, 8-10
- A Persecution to be Avenged—”The righteous judgment of God.” II Thessalonians 1:5-6

III. The Church **Standing on the Promise** of His Coming. II Thessalonians 1:7-12

- The Promise of the Vow of His **Rest**— “And to you who are troubled, rest with us” II Thessalonians 1:7; Daniel 7:13 (788); Matthew 26:64 (878)
- The Promise of the Vengeance of His **Righteousness**— “In flaming fire taking vengeance . . .” II Thessalonians 1:10
- The Promise of the Victory of His **Revelation**— II Thessalonians 1:10 “He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all them that believe.” II Thessalonians 1:10

IV. His Church **Sustained by Prayer** until His Coming. “Wherefore also we pray always for you.” II Thessalonians 1:11

- Prayer to be Surrendered to His Purpose— “Fulfill the good pleasure of His goodness” II Thessalonians 1:11
- Prayer to find Sufficiency in His Power— “The work of faith with power” II Thessalonians 1:11b
- Prayer to be Satisfied in His Person— “The name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and ye in Him.” II Thessalonians 1:12