

## **Deeper Life Notes**

*Faith Comes By Hearing: "The Uncomfortable Truth" (2 Thessalonians 1:1-12)*  
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*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - [Romans 10:17 ESV](#)*

**Warm up:** What do you do with things in the Bible that make you uncomfortable?

[EFCA Statement of Faith](#) 10. Response and Eternal Destiny:

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. **We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment** and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

**Read:** [2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 CSB](#)

### **THREE STORY ELEMENTS OF THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH:**

**1. SETTING:** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> (vv.1-4)

- The apostle Paul is "leading with encouragement" in v.3. (See also 1 Thess 2:11-12)

\*How can we affirm others without flattering them - encourage without puffing them up?

\*In what can believers suffering in the present take hope? (See Psalm 73:16-17)

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<sup>1</sup> PERSEVERANCE

**2. PLOT:** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> (vv.5-10)

**WHAT** - *"the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence..."* (v.9)

*"Condemnation and eternal conscious punishment"*<sup>3</sup>

(See Matthew 18:8, 24:51, 25:46, Mark 9:43, Luke 16:23-24, Revelation 21:7-8)

**WHEN** - *"at the revelation of the Lord Jesus..."* (v.7)

*"We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ."*<sup>4</sup>

(See 1 Thess 5:2, 2 Timothy 4:8, Revelation 20:4-15)

**WHO** - *"those who don't know God" & "those who don't obey the gospel..."* (v.8)

- Both the irreligious and the religious

(See Mark 8:38, Matthew 7:23)

**WHY** - *"it is just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you..."*

(See Isaiah 59:1-3)

**3. RESOLUTION:** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> (vv.11-12)

*"Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving... Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." - Colossians 4:2, 5-6*

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<sup>2</sup> PAYBACK

<sup>3</sup> EFCA Statement of Faith, #10. Response and Eternal Destiny

<sup>4</sup> EFCA Statement of Faith 2019, #9. Christ's Return

<sup>5</sup> PRAYER