



**Title** | How Hell Helps  
**Series** | Standing Firm When Shaken  
**Text** | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12  
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# Sermon Notes

2 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you  
and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ. 3 We ought always to give thanks to God for  
you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is  
growing abundantly, and the love of every one of  
you for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore we  
ourselves boast about you in the churches of God  
for your steadfastness and faith in all your  
persecutions and in the afflictions that you are  
enduring. 5 This is evidence of the righteous  
judgment of God, that you may be considered  
worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are  
also suffering—6 since indeed God considers it just  
to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and  
to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to  
us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven  
with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting  
vengeance on those who do not know God and on  
those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord  
Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal  
destruction, away from the presence of the Lord  
and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes  
on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be  
marveled at among all who have believed, because  
our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end  
we always pray for you, that our God may make  
you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every  
resolve for good and every work of faith by his  
power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may  
be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the  
grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

2 Thessalonians 1:19 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, *ESV*

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12. According to verse 9, what is the ultimate fate of unbelievers? How does this make you feel?

### Tuesday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:9 and 2 Timothy 3:16. How does hell help us come to grips with authority? Specifically, who or what is our authority for determining what is true?

### Wednesday:

Read Matthew 5:22, 27-28 and Romans 3:10. How does hell help us understand the depth of our depravity? Read Luke 7:41-43 and John 3:16. How does hell help us understand the height of God's grace? How are depravity and grace connected?

### Thursday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 and Romans 12:19. How does hell help us understand the certainty of God's judgment?

### Friday:

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12 and Romans 9:2-3. How does hell help us understand the urgency of evangelism?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, I am so grateful for your grace through Jesus that saved me from hell. May the grace you have shown to me show through me that others might be saved. Amen.

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