

Maranatha Baptist Church

Why Persecution Comes

II Thessalonians 1

Introduction:

Background: (1:1,2)

Greetings to the Model Church – 1

1. Those greeting: _____
2. Those greeted: _____ in Thessalonica
3. Nature of greeting:
 - a. **Grace** – _____
 - b. **Peace** – _____

A. To _____ the Saints – 3-5, 11

1. To _____ Spiritual Growth – 3, 11
2. To _____ Our Acceptance – 4, 5
 - a. Patient _____ of adversity bears witness to the rest of the future – 4, 5
 - b. It is a _____ of God's righteous judgment – 5

B. To _____ Justice to the Sinners – 5-10

1. The _____ – Christ
2. The _____ of God's Vengeance
3. The _____ of the Vengeance
4. The _____ of God's Vengeance

C. To _____ the Savior – 12

1. To _____ God and to _____ Him forever.
2. We will be _____ by Him.

Application:

1. _____ why God allows persecution
2. _____ for those believers who are suffering
3. _____ that our failure to _____ is responsible in part for the _____ of many of our brethren.