

THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAY FOR SAINTS IN CONFLICT
(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

I. THE CONTEXT (1:1-10)

II. PRAYER OFFERED FOR ENCOURGAGEMENT IN LIGHT OF PRESENT PERSECUTION
(2 Thess. 1:11-12)

A. The Prayer Requests Paul Made (1:11)

1. Paul prayed that God would count them _____ of His _____ .

- What is the “*calling*” of God?
- What is required to be counted *worthy* of this calling?
- What is included in a “worthy walk” for God?

2. Paul prayed that God would _____ all the good pleasure of His _____ in them.

- What would this require?

3. Paul prayed that God would complete His _____ in them based on _____ by them.

- How are any of these things really accomplished in the Christian life?

B. The Reasons Paul Prayed (1:12)

1. The ultimate purpose of these prayers was to _____ the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- What does it mean to “glorify” something?
- What is so special about this *name*?
- What does that name *mean* or represent?

Lord (kurios) =

Jesus (Iesous) =

Christ (Christos) =

- How was His glory to be demonstrated?
 - a. It was to be manifest _____ the Thessalonians, and so it is in _____ believer.
 - b. The name of our Lord Jesus Christ was to be glorified in _____ & you in _____.
- How is this possible?
 - 1) individually as we let our _____ in a dark world &
 - 2) collectively as we _____ for the faith of the gospel.
- 2. Paul states this glorification is only possible according to God’s _____ as manifest in our Lord Jesus Christ!