



Thrive: God Is Not Finished Prophetically!

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Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Passage Summary: Although the times in which we are living in these last days are growing increasingly dark and evil, God's heart for His church that He bought with His own blood is that we would _____ in Christ, not merely _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that in God's economy, things like opposition and adversity actually form the _____ for a _____ church! (1:6-10)

Application: Recognize that in God's economy...

- A thriving church is a _____ church! (v.6-10)

A prophetic church is one that holds to the hope that comes through prophetic events that are still to come as God moves us steadily toward the culmination of His eternal plan of salvation in Christ, more specifically, the church that lives with a view to the imminent return of Christ, and all that that means for the child of God as well as a lost and dying world.

"God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels."

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

"Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Thomas Jefferson

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

1 Peter 2:23

"Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

Elvina Hall, Jesus Paid It All

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Remember: When it comes to a thriving church, it is not a church that is kept from the opposition and adversity that comes in increasing measure through a lost and dying world, but rather the church that lives in the light of the hope of the prophetic events that are still to come, and summarized well in the theological concepts of _____ and _____!

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 15:4

"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:8

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that the church that thrives in the last days will be the _____ church that holds out hope in the _____ of God concerning our salvation that are still yet to be fulfilled; there may be times along the way where the outlook is bleak, but there is always the uplook, the faith filled perspective that a day is coming soon when God will lead justice to victory through the return of Christ to this earth!

"If the outlook is bleak, try the uplook."

Warren Wiersbe

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory."

Matthew 12:20, cf Isaiah 42:3