II Thessalonians 1:3-12

- A letter of thanks for their dedication to the Lord as demonstrated by the persecutions they had endured.
- •Acts 17 chronicles the suffering of the Thessalonian congregation.
- •Paul writes about what their suffering and endurance were accomplishing.

• It is....

## AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH AND STEADFASTNESS

- Faith in the teaching of **Jesus** as **King**.-Acts 17
- •Serves to **encourage** the other **churches** of God.
- •Helps to further strengthen their **resolve**.

• It is.....

#### EVIDENCE OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD

- Their persecution substantiated their cause.
- Also, it validates the truth of God's word.
  - John 15:18-20
  - II Tim. 3:12
  - John 3:19

• It is.....

### THE EXPECTATION OF CHRIST'S RETURN AND TRIUMPH

- Christians are sending a message to the world.
- •There will be **vindication** for Christians.
- Punishment is coming for those who persecute God's people and who do not believe or obey the gospel.