

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



THE WORK OF FAITH AND SUFFERING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

(Read the verses from several translations if possible. KJV, NKJV, NIV, NLT, etc...)

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM THE VERSES LISTED.

Verse 1: How do CMA'ers get to **belong** to God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord?

Verse 2: How do you define **grace** and **peace**?

- Give **examples** of how you've experienced each.

Verse 3: (This is an awesome verse to apply to CMA). This verse speaks of **praying** for one another, growing in **faith**, and **loving** one another more and more.

- How is this verse being **exemplified** in your local chapter?
- Is there anything you can do to **improve** in these areas?

Verse 4-5: This is where the rubber meets the road for Christians and CMA'ers. **Suffering** and **persecution** for the Kingdom of God are a very real part of the true believers pilgrimage with Christ.

- What kind of persecution and suffering have you **endured** for your faith?
- What **possibilities** do you see coming in our world today?
- How can chapter members **assist** one another through these trials? (See also John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12).

Verse 6-7: (See Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:30) Verse 6 shows that vengeance and judgment belong to God, **not** us.

- Does that give you **comfort**?
- Why or why not?
- What is the **promise** of verse 7?

Verse 8-9: What is the **importance** of verse 8-9 in our work of ministry in CMA?

Verse 10: Discuss your **hope** and **excitement** when you read verse 10.

Verse 11: What does it mean to be **worthy** of the life He has called you to live?

- How does your personal desire for **goodness** translate into your personal, professional, and community life?
- What would it take for you to **complete** your work of faith?

Verse 12: How can we give **honor** and **glory** to the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, through CMA?

- What do you think verse 12 means when it says **we** will also receive **glory** from Jesus?

PRAY for one another and for God to help your chapter members apply this study to their personal lives. Take a moment to give glory to God and Jesus – they are **TRULY** worthy!