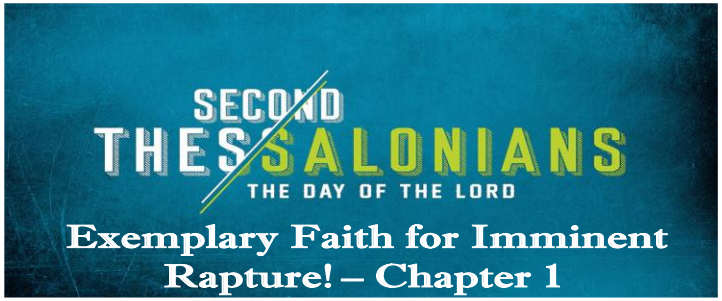

"It is the pastor's responsibility to prepare the Church for persecution." **– Charles Swindoll**

The Bible clearly _____ we are living in the final age of the church!

We are in the _____ church age! – **Revelation 3:14-17**

Concerning the last days of the Laodicean Church Age**:**
2 Timothy 4:3–4; 2 Timothy 3:1–5
Related: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; Matthew 24:10-13; 1 Timothy 4:1

Paul wrote this second letter to encourage the Thessalonians in sound _____!

Paul pens this letter to …

1. Encourage them in their time of _____!

2. Set the record straight on the _____ for the end of the age!

3. Give _____ encouragement and good hope!

4. Warn them against _____ living and being unmoved by sound doctrine!

Paul begins this letter with an explanation for suffering:

1. Suffering helps us _____! – **V. 3-5**

"The suffering in China has multiplied the blessings because it has purified the church." **– Chinese pastor**

2. Suffering prepares us for _____! – **V. 6-10**

Paul reveals that suffering is a _____ and a privilege! – **James 1:2–3**

Our suffering and future glory cannot be _____! – **1 Peter 4:12–14**

Our suffering is a _____ to an unbelieving world!

Our suffering is _____ with the knowledge of God's ultimate Judgment on the wicked!

Mankind reaps what it sows! – **Galatians 6:7**

3. Suffering glorifies Christ _____! – **V. 11-12**

How we respond to suffering and failure is a living demonstration of the _____ of God!

NOTES: