

“Suffering for the Kingdom” (2 Thessalonians 1:1–5)

**Big Idea: By God’s grace, his persecuted but steadfast people are vindicated as kingdom heirs through their faith.**

- I. The Thanksgiving and Boast Expressed for God’s Grace in Believers (verses 1–4)
  - a. The Opening Greeting of God’s Grace and Peace to Them (verses 1–2)
  - b. The Thanksgiving for Their Flourishing Faith and Love (verse 3)
  - c. The Boast about Their Steadfast Faith in Suffering (verse 4)

1 Thessalonians 2:14–16

- II. The Endurance and Kingdom Given by God’s Grace to Believers (verse 5)

- a. Their Steadfast Endurance Which Indicates God’s Righteous Verdict

Philippians 1:27–29; 1 Peter 4:12–17

- b. Their Willing Suffering Which Chooses God’s Kingdom

Hebrews 11:24–26

- c. Their Coming Inheritance for Which Suffering Fits Them

Matthew 5:3–12