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**II Thessalonians 1:1-12**  
**“Since I Last Wrote”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

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**Theme:** Assistance for the church in order to better understand the following **1.** Persecution. **2.** To develop correct doctrine concerning the imminence of the Lord’s return. **3.** To instruct and encourage the disorderly and the disobedient to live a life of self-control. **4.** To bring attention to a spurious letter that had been circulated which caused confusion concerning the order of events upon the return of Christ. Gleaned from *The Believer’s Study Bible*

Eternal destruction is not annihilation. It is eternally being cut off from God forever and all else that makes living truly meaningful.

**V 2**, God’s people are the recipients of His grace and peace. Grace is unmerited favor. Peace here is the cessation of hostility which comes as a result of Christ’s death; God and people can be reconciled because the debt of human sin has been paid by Christ. This peace is complimented by the peace of God for the believer. A believer can have peace even in the midst of various trials and tribulations. Grace and peace are God’s gifts to anyone who places their trust in Jesus.

**V 3**, we “ought” refers to a deep obligation. Their faith was greatly enlarged. The first letter obviously worked. He had prayed for what was lacking in their faith, see **I Thessalonians**.

This church saw these hard times as being allowed by God for His glory and they were okay with that. The persecutions and trials kept on coming and they, by grace, kept on standing. They were strong and stable in their faith.

Endurance in trials does not make one worthy of heaven, that cannot be earned. But, endurance in trials does *demonstrate* one’s worthiness. Made worthy by God’s grace, a free gift. The trials simply expose what is already there.

**Application:** Live your life in a manner that brings glory to God. Honor, exalt Him. This should be a believer’s deepest desire. Jesus declared in **John 12:26**, “Those who honor Me I will honor.” This ability is not found within ourselves, it comes by grace.