02 – 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 – God’s Righteous Judgement

Because you follow Jesus …

... the wicked held to account - Jer 11:18-23

... the righteous vindicated - Deut 32, Isaiah 35

1 Thess 5:9 …*did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ*.

So how does God’s justice work?

2 Thess 1:6 … God is just

…the wicked will be held to account and punished and the followers of God will get relief.

WHEN?

2 Thess 1:7, *“this will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels”*

…on what basis

… Verse 8 … God will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

… Verse 10 … God will be glorified and marvelled at by his people

Driven to prayer

Firstly … God will continue to work in them

Secondly … by God’s power God might bring to fruition their desire for goodness and that God might use their deeds that flow from their faith in him

Thirdly … God will be glorified in them and they in him

For us today

1. Judgement … A message we might recoil from

Do you believe what this passage clearly says?

…when you speak to people about Jesus …

1. A choice we all face … believe

… anyone can move

Verse 10. *“this includes you since you have believed our testimony to you”.*

… Do you believe?

… the choice we face is also the choice that others face… they simply need to hear

1. Something we MUST be praying for

… verse 11-12

Does your prayer life look like this?

Firstly - Are you praying for your fellow Christians?

Secondly - Are we praying for those who do not know Jesus

1. When things get hard

… this is to be expected.

… get on with living a life worthy of his calling… growing in faith more and more and loving each other in full flood.

… evidence that God’s judgement is right and

… we have been counted worthy of the kingdom of God.