

## God's sobering justice and amazing grace

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, p. 959

### I. GOD'S JUSTICE: GOD IS JUST AND WILL ETERNALLY PUNISH THOSE WHO OPPOSE OR REJECT THE GOSPEL (1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-9).

- A. God will exercise His justice on those who persecute believers suffering for the gospel (6).
- B. Jesus Christ will punish with eternal destruction those who reject the gospel when He returns as Judge (7-8).
- C. Hell is a condition of continual punishment and separation from God (9 – *also, hades, hell, lake of fire – Rev. 20:14-15*).

### II. GOD'S GRACE: WHEN JESUS RETURNS AS JUDGE, IT WILL DISPLAY GOD'S GRACE FOR SINNERS WHO BELIEVE THE GOSPEL (1 THESSALONIANS 1:10).

- A. "Glorified in" – When Jesus returns as Judge we believers are a glorious display of God's grace, which makes sinners holy (10a).
- B. "Marveled at" – When Jesus returns as Judge we believers are a multitude marveling at His glory and justice (10b).