

Big Ideas from 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Joy, Righteous Living, End Times

There are three major themes or subjects that Paul addresses in these two letters.

1) Faithful believers bring great _____ to their leaders, and to God.

A sub-theme of this is Paul's exhortation, "_____"

1 Thess 4:1, 9-10, 2 Thess 3:4

2) Live in holiness, love, and peace.

Be sexually pure (1.4:3-9)

Live in love, in quietness, and work hard (1.4:10-12; quick list in 1.5:12-24; 2.3:8-12)

Avoid and admonish those who do not (1.5:14; 2.3:6-15)

Endure, stand firm, remain steadfast, don't lose heart (1.1:3; 1.3:3,5,8; 2.1:4; 2.2:15; 2.3:5,13)

Follow our example! (1.2:1-12; 1.2:15)

3) End times and resurrection – the Righteous Judge is coming.

God will rescue the righteous, so have hope!

God will judge the wicked.

Paul gives hints at the order of events.

Can these be synthesized in a single summary statement?

Persevere in righteous living.

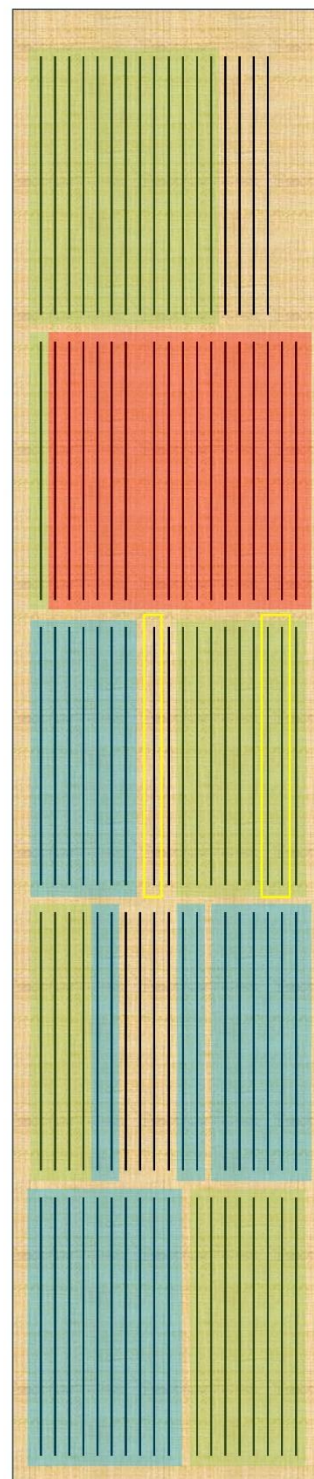
_____: You guys are already bringing us great joy by your perseverance in righteous living; keep it up!

_____: This is what righteous living looks like: live in holiness, love, and peace.

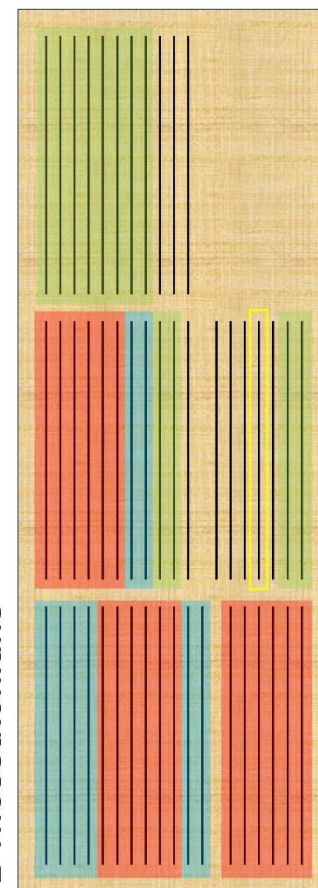
_____: Persevere because the Righteous Judge is coming, both to judge the wicked and to reward the righteous.

BIG IDEAS IN 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

1 Thessalonians



2 Thessalonians



Faithful believers bring great joy to their leaders, and to God.

Excel still more!

Live in holiness, love, and peace.

End times and resurrection – the Righteous Judge is coming.

Each line on these two schematic scrolls represents a single verse, with a break between chapters. The colored boxes highlight the verses that relate to the three major themes of these two books.