

COMPASSION, TRUTH, AND PATIENCE WITH THE LOST
2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10 (ESV)

I. Justice is coming for the _____ and _____.

A. Uninformed: who do you know that does not _____ Jesus like you do? Perhaps they've never even clearly _____ the Gospel?

B. Resistant: who do you know that has heard the Gospel _____, but _____ to believe?

C. Since only 8-18% of the Northshore believes the Gospel, _____ of the _____ you know fall into these two groups.

D. Justice is coming for both groups, ignorant or not:

1. God's just nature requires that every sin committed be punished: either (1) on the _____, or (2) in eternal _____.

2. For those do not trust Jesus, His return will bring terror, as they see...

a. The visible revealing of a _____ and _____ Jesus with His heavenly entourage

b. The _____ of a holy God who _____ them.

3. That moment of terror will transform into eternal _____ as they undergo God's _____ vengeance.

4. God's exercise of justice will be _____ and _____.

a. Because it will be a moment of _____
_____ on Earth.

b. Because God's just character will be fully on _____.

II. _____ is offered to the uninformed and resistant.

A. God's justice was _____ in the Cross for all those
who _____ Him.

B. So in this life, our uninformed and resistant neighbors still have the
chance to be forgiven their sins and _____ from
_____.

III. Because justice is coming and forgiveness is offered, the uninformed
and resistant need our compassion, truth, and patience.

A. Compassion: the Gospel invites us to _____ our lost
neighbors and to become _____ of love to them.

B. Truth: resolve that no person you know would _____
_____ uninformed of the Gospel.

C. Patience: God's patience with _____ rebellion invites us to be
patiently persistent with others, even if they _____ the
Gospel.

1. Some relationships, by their very nature or the direction of the
Spirit, _____ persistence in compassion and truth, even
when it's rejected.

2. In other relationships, there comes a point where it's
appropriate to _____ the Gospel with them and
_____ on.