

SESSION (1) BRIEF:

Unquestionably, the record of Holy Scripture is filled with corroborating “faith authenticating” text-criteria whereby we can know with absolute assurance the present nature of our redemption status as assessed, not by human agents; but by the Lord of Glory.

Too, we can presently know the real truth regarding our eternal destiny (i.e., where we “will land”) when we are inevitably called by Him into the permanent sphere of eternity.

This opening inspired divine admonition earnestly issued to Thessalonian assembly provided with illuminating insight affirming that true character of the persistent nature of their adverse life plight (i.e., “suffering for Christ”) was actually a validating indicator signaling that they were being “counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.” (2 Thess. 1:5b)

“Now was this actually true?” asks the contemporary professing Christ follower, who is generally repulsed at the very thought or notion of having to actually suffer for Christ’s sake.

Assured, **1 Peter 4:13** affirms the validity of this bible truth, thus: “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Hence, the probing question of challenge that we each must answer is “Is this same authenticating and soul assuring evidence visibility present in my life?”

Again, let us pause here and more closely address the personal implications of this amazing declaration.

What is our response to the posed probing questions: “Am I considered worthy of the Kingdom?” or, “Does the evidence of my life practice clearly indicate that I am suffering for the King and the Kingdom?”



SESSION (1) PROFILE OVERVIEW

- Made Kingdom Qualified
- Am I Suffering for the Kingdom’s Sake?
- From Heaven’s Perspective: “A Righteous Thing”
- For His Glory’s Sake

SESSION FOCUS TEXT:

“Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer.”

2 Thessalonian's 1:5 (KJV)