



2 Thess. 1:6-9

Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, [7] and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, [8] in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

What is the Gospel?

- **Good news of salvation in Christ (Mk. 16:15-16)**
 - **To the man in darkness – Light**
 - **To the man in bondage – Liberty**
 - **To the man under sentence of death – Pardon**
 - **To the man in sin – the way out**

What is the Gospel?

- **God's power**
 - Unto salvation (Rom. 1:16)
 - To keep us saved
 - 1 Cor. 15:1-2
 - Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, [2] by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

What Does It Mean To Obey The Gospel?

- **Obey from the heart that form of doctrine**
 - **Romans 6:17-18**
 - **But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. [18] And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

What is that “form of doctrine”? Baptism!

- **In Baptism:**
 - We die to sin (Rom. 6: 2-3, 6-7) as Jesus died to gain our forgiveness.
 - We are buried with Christ (Rom. 6:4-5) as Jesus was buried.
 - We are raised to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4) as Jesus was raised from the dead.

Who Are Those Who Know Not God?

- **Two Possibilities:**
 - **The heathen who live in rebellion against what they know of God and His morality (Rom. 1:28)**
 - **Those who don't "know" God**



What Will be Their end?

- “Flaming Fire” (2 Thess. 1:8; Rev. 20:10)
- Worse than death (Heb. 10:29)
- Final separation (2 Thess. 1:9)