

Don't Escape, Graduate 2 Thessalonians 1

"But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles." - Matthew 13:20-21

Growth happens	when we're	

V.1: The believer's position in Jesus is _____

because it was ______ by Jesus.

V.3: Their confusion over God's future plans for the

Church had caused the Thessalonians to _____

their ______.

...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ... - Titus 2:13

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. - 1 Peter 4:12-14

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. - 2 Timothy 3:12

V.5: Experiencing and persevering through persecution

and trials is an _____ of

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. - James 1:2-4

If the goal is becoming more like Jesus, we won't seek

to _____ our trials – we'll seek to

_____ from them.

VV.6-10: Real love must demonstrate itself in many

ways, and one of those ways is _____.

"...love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you..." - Matthew 5:44

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8