

Biblical Notes — 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

9-10 – For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, [10] and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come. (9. αὐτοὶ γὰρ περὶ ἡμῶν ἀπαγγέλλουσιν ὅποιαν εἴσοδον ἔσχομεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, καὶ πῶς ἐπεστρέψατε πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ἀπὸ τῶν εἰδώλων δουλεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι καὶ ἀληθινῷ 10. καὶ ἀναμένειν τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ [τῶν] νεκρῶν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν ῥυόμενον ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ὀργῆς τῆς ἐρχομένης)

“In 1:10 he also speaks of the wrath as “coming” (“who rescues us from the coming wrath,” NIV) and uses the present participle *erchomenēs* to qualify the wrath. Though the kind of action—aktionsart or aspect—of articular participles is not necessarily stressed in New Testament Greek, the frequent use of the present tense of this verb in a futuristic sense to speak of the imminence of end events probably portrays the imminence of the wrath that is already on its way and hence quite near.”

—— Robert L. Thomas, *The Rapture and the Biblical Teaching of Imminency*, in *Evidence for the Rapture: A Biblical Case for Pretribulationism*. EPub ed., (Moody Publishers, 2015), 35.