

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
THESSALONIANS

1 Thessalonians 1

The Thessalonians are given to understand how mindful of them Paul was at all times in thanksgiving and prayer.

1 ¶ Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the assembly of *the* Thessalonians in God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

2 ¶ We give thanks to God always concerning you all, making mention of you on our prayers,

3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love, and the patient endurance of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father,

4 knowing, brothers, having been loved, your election by God.

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in *the* Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, even as you know what kind we were among you for your sake.

6 ¶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, welcoming the Word in much affliction with joy of *the* Holy Spirit.

7 So that you became examples to all the *ones* believing in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For the Word of the Lord sounded out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that there is no need for us to have to say anything.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of entrance we have to you, and how you had turned to God from the idols, to be a slave to *the* true and living God,

10 and to await His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from *the* dead *ones*, Jesus, the *One* delivering us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 2

In what manner the gospel was preached to the Thessalonians, and in what sort they received it.

1 ¶ For brothers, you yourselves know our entrance to you, that it has not come to be in vain.

2 But also suffering before and being insolently mistreated, even as you know in Phiippi, we were bold in our God to speak the gospel of God to you in much struggle.

3 For our exhortation *was* not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile;

4 but even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted *with* the gospel, so we speak not as pleasing men, but God, the *One* trying our hearts.

5 For neither were we then *found* with a word of flattery, even as you know, nor with pretense of covetousness (God *is* witness),

6 nor seeking glory from men, neither from you, nor from others, being able to be in weight, as apostles of Christ.

7 ¶ But we came to be gentle in your midst, even as a nurse should warmly cherish her children.

8 So yearning over you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you had become beloved to us.

9 For, brothers, you remember our labor and toil, night and day, working in order not to put a burden on any one of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

10 You and God *are* witnesses how holily and righteously and blamelessly we were to you, the *ones* believing;

11 even as you know each one of you how, as a father *to* his children, exhorting and consoling you,

12 testifying for you to walk worthily of God, the *One* calling you to His kingdom and glory.

13 ¶ And because of this we give thanks to God without ceasing, that having received

the Word of hearing from us, you welcomed *it as* of God, not *as* a word of men, but as it is, truly *the* Word of God, which also works in you, the *ones* believing.

14 For, brothers, you became imitators of the assemblies of God, the *ones* being in Judea in Christ Jesus, because you also suffered these things by *your* own fellow countrymen, as they *did* also by the Jews,

15 both the *ones* killing the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and persecuting us, and not pleasing God, and *being* contrary to all men,

16 forbidding us from speaking to the nations in order that they be saved, to the filling up *of* their sins always. But the wrath *of* God is come on them to *the* end.

17 ¶ But, brothers, we being bereaved from you for an hour's time, in presence, not in heart, we were much more eager with much desire to see your face.

18 Because of this, we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us.

19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? *Are* you not even *to be* before our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

20 For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3

Paul testifies his great love to the Thessalonians by sending Timothy to them to strengthen and comfort them.

1 ¶ So no longer enduring, we were pleased to be left in Athens alone,

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and servant of God, and our fellow worker in the gospel of Christ to *be* the *one* to establish you and to encourage you concerning your faith,

3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

4 For even when we were with you, we said to you before that we are about to be afflicted, as it also happened, even you know.

5 Because of this, no longer enduring, I also sent to know your faith, that the tempting *one* not somehow tempt you, and our labor should come to be in vain.

6 ¶ But now Timothy coming to us from you, and announcing good news to us *of*

your love and faith, and that you have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as also we *long to see* you.

7 Because of this we were comforted over you, brothers, on all our affliction and distress through your faith,

8 because now we live, if you should stand fast in *the* Lord.

9 For what thanks are we able to return to God about you, over all the joy *with* which we rejoice because of you before our God,

10 night and day praying beyond all measure for *me* to see your face, and to complete the things lacking in your faith?

11 ¶ But may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord make you to increase and to abound in love toward one another and toward all, even as we *do* also toward you,

13 in order to establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and our Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4

1 He exhorts to godliness, 6 to live justly, 9 to love one another, 13 to sorrow moderately for the dead. 15 A description of the second coming.

1 ¶ For the rest then, brothers, we beg you and we exhort in *the* Lord Jesus, even as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, that you abound more.

2 For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is God's will, your sanctification, *for* you to abstain from fornication,

4 each *one* of you to know to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in passion of lust, even as also the nations *do*, the *ones* not knowing God;

6 not to go beyond and to take advantage of his brother in the matter, because the Lord *is* *the* avenger concerning all these, even as we told you before, and solemnly testified.

7 For God did not call us to impurity, but in sanctification.

8 Therefore, the *one* that despises does not despise man, but God, even the *One* giving His Holy Spirit to us.

9 ¶ Now as to brotherly love, you have no need *for me* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

10 For you also do it toward the brothers in all Macedonia. But, brothers, we exhort you to abound more.

11 And eagerly aspiring to be quiet, and to do *your own things*, and to work with *your own hands*, as we enjoined you,

12 that you may walk becomingly toward the *ones* outside, and that you may have need of nothing.

13 ¶ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, about the *ones* having fallen asleep, that you not grieve, as the rest also, the *ones* not having hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, also God will also bring with Him all the *ones* having fallen asleep through Jesus.

15 For we say this to you in *the Word of the Lord*, that we the living who remain to the coming of the Lord will not at all go before the *ones* having fallen asleep.

16 Because the Lord Himself shall come down from Heaven with a commanding shout of an archangel's voice, and with God's trumpet. And the dead *ones* in Christ will rise again first.

17 Then we who remain alive will be caught up together with them in *the clouds* to a meeting with the Lord in *the air*. And so we will always be with *the Lord*.

18 So, then, comfort each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 He proceeds in the former description of Christ's coming to judgment, 16 and gives diverse precepts, 23 and so concludes the epistle.

1 ¶ But about the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need *for it* to be written.

2 For you yourselves know accurately that the day of *the Lord*, as a thief in *the night*, so it comes.

3 For when they say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes upon them, like the birth-pain to the *one* having *babe* in womb, and they shall not escape, not *one*.

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness.

6 ¶ So then, we should not sleep, as the rest also do, but we should be awake and be sober.

7 For the *ones* sleeping sleep by night, and the *ones* being drunk are drunk by night.

8 But we being of day should be sober, "having put on *the breastplate*" of faith and love, and *the hope* of "salvation as a helmet;" *Isa. 59:17*

9 because God has not appointed us to wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 The *One* dying on our behalf, so that whether we are awake or we are sleeping, we may live together with Him.

11 ¶ Therefore, encourage one another, and build up one another, as you indeed do.

12 But, brothers, we entreat you to know the *ones* laboring among you, and taking the lead of you in *the Lord*, and exhorting you,

13 even esteem them most exceedingly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we exhort you, brothers, to admonish the disobedient ones, comfort the *ones being faint-hearted*, sustain the *ones being weak*, be long-suffering towards all.

15 See *that* not any one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the good, both towards one another and towards all.

16 ¶ Rejoice always.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In everything give thanks, for this *is the will of God* in Christ Jesus toward you.

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things, hold fast the good.

22 Keep back from every form of evil.

23 ¶ And may the God of peace Himself fully sanctify you, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is the *One* calling you, who also will perform *it*.

25 Brothers, pray concerning us.

26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.