

# 1 Thessalonians

**1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy: To the church and called out assembly of the Thessalonians inside of God the Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**2** We speak good grace and give thanks to God always all around all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, **3** unceasingly bringing to mind your work of faith and labor of love, and the steadfastness of the hope of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the presence and face of God our Father, **4** knowing you are already spoken to completion by God, beloved brothers and sisters. **5** For our gospel did not come into you inside of word only, but also inside of power and inside of Spirit Holy, and inside of much full assurance and confidence, just as you are aware of what we were among you for you.

**6** And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word inside of many pressures of travail with joy of Spirit Holy, **7** such that you became an example to all those believing in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For from you has sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith toward God has gone, such that we have no need to say anything. **9** For they themselves report concerning us what reception we had from you, and how you turned towards God away from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to abide inside of His Son out from the heavens, whom He raised out from the dead, Jesus, the One continuously and actively drawing us to Himself out of the coming angry opposition.

**2:1** For you yourselves are aware, brothers and sisters, that our entrance towards you was not without purpose.

**2** But, as you are aware, after we suffered and were mistreated in Philippi, we had boldness inside of our God to speak towards you the gospel of God inside much conflict.

**3** For our encouragement is not out of wandering away, nor out of impurity, nor inside of trickery; **4** but just as we have been proven under God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing humans, but God, the One proving our hearts. **5** For never at any time were we in any word of flattery, just as you are aware, nor in a pretext for greed – God witness – **6** nor seeking glory out of humans, nor from you, nor from others, though being empowered inside of the burden as Christ's apostles and sent ones. **7** But we were gentle in the midst of you, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children. **8** So, yearning over you, we were well-pleased to have imparted to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you had become beloved to us. **9** For you remember, brothers and sisters, our labor and hardship, working night and day, in order not to burden any of you, so we proclaimed into you the gospel of God.

**10** You are witnesses, along with God, how devotedly and justly and blamelessly we were toward you who are believing; **11** just as you are aware how we were encouraging you and comforting and testifying into each one of you, as a father does his children, **12** that you would walk worthily of God who calls and summons you into His own kingdom and glory.

**13** And through this also, we give thanks to God unceasingly that, having received the word you heard from us as of God, you did not receive it as the word of men, but even as it truly is, the Word of God, who also Energizes inside of you who believe. **14** And you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God that are in Judea inside of Christ Jesus. For, just like them, you also suffered from your own countrymen, as they also did from the Judeans, **15** who both having killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets and having driven us out, who do not serve or please God, and who are hostile to and set against all other humans, **16** are now hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved, for the purpose of always filling up their sins. Now angry opposition has come upon them to completion.

**17** We, however, brothers and sisters, having been bereaved of you for a brief time, in face though not in heart; we are more abundantly eager, with great desire, to see your face. **18** Therefore, we wanted to come to you – indeed, I, Paul, a couple of times – but Satan hindered us. **19** Who, then, is our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting and exultation? Is it not even you, in the face of our Lord Jesus, inside of His presence? **20** For you are our glory and our joy.

**3:1** Therefore, no longer able to wait, we thought it best to be left behind in Athens alone, **2** and we sent Timothy, our brother and fellow worker of God in the gospel of Christ, for the purpose of strengthening you and encouraging your faith. **3** Let no one be disturbed in these pressures of travail, for you yourselves are aware that we are placed and specially appointed into this very thing. **4** And indeed, when we were with you, we were warning you that we are about to suffer affliction, just as it also came to be; as you are aware. **5** Because of this I also, no longer able to wait, sent to know your faith, lest somehow the one tempting had tempted you and our labor would have been for no purpose.

**6** Presently, however, Timothy came to us from you, bringing good news to us of your faith and love and that you have always a good remembrance of us, longing to see us just as we also to see you. **7** Because of this we were encouraged, brothers and sisters, upon all our constraint and pressures of travail as to you through your faith. **8** For now we live, if you are standing firm inside of the Lord. **9** For what thanksgiving are we able to give to God concerning you, upon all the joy that we rejoice through you, in the face and presence of our God, night and day, imploring hyper-abundantly into seeing your face, to be able to supply the things lacking in your faith?

**11** Now, may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus, direct our path towards you. **12** May the Lord now make you to increase and to abound in love into one another, and into all, just as also we love into you, **13** and into strengthening your hearts blameless inside of holiness in the face and presence of our God and Father inside of the immediate presence of our Lord Jesus, with all His holy ones. Let it be so – it is so.

**4:1** Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we implore and encourage you inside of the Lord Jesus, that, just as you have received from us the manner in which it is necessary for you to walk and to please God, just so now you should walk and abound even more. **2** For you are aware what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **3** For God's desire is your being made holy [by God], that you stay away from sexual immorality; **4** that you be aware how each of you should win his own vessel inside of holiness, devotion, and honor, **5** not in the passion of great desire like the ethnic peoples who are not aware of God. **6** Do not go beyond or overreach in the matter of your brother, because the Lord is a just advocate all around all these things, just as also we told you before and gave full evidence. **7** For God has not called us upon impurity, but inside of holiness. **8** So then, the one disregarding this, disregards, not man, but God, the One also giving His Spirit Holy into you.

**9** Now, concerning brotherly love, you have no need for me to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God into loving one another. **10** For you are doing this into all the brothers and sisters, the ones in all Macedonia. We encourage you, however, brothers and sisters, to abound more and more, **11** and to seek after quiet rest and each to practice his own, and to work with your own hands, just as we entreated you, **12** so that you may walk in good form towards those outside and that you might have need of no one.

**13** We do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning those who have died, so that you should not be grieved, as the rest of those having no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also God will carry those who have died, in joint-togetherness with Him, through Jesus. **15** For this we declare to you inside of the word of the Lord, that we, the living and remaining into the presence of the Lord, shall not arrive

ahead of those who have died, 16 because the Lord Himself, in a great shout, in the voice of an archangel, and in the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead inside of Christ will rise first. 17 Then, we, the living and remaining, along with them, will be seized inside the clouds into the meeting, connecting with the Lord into the air; and so, we will always be jointly-together with the Lord [sharing the same form]. 18 Therefore, encourage and comfort one another in these words.

**5:1** Now, concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for me to write to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they might say, "Peace and safety," then suddenly ruin comes upon them, as if having labor pains in the womb; and none shall escape. 5 You, however, brothers and sisters, are not inside of darkness, that the day should seize hold of you like a thief. 6 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not sons of night or of darkness. 6 So then we should not sleep as the others, but we should watch and be sober. 7 For those sleeping, sleep by night; and those becoming drunk, get drunk by night. 8 We, however, being of the day, should be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet of the hope of salvation. 8 Because God has not placed us into angry opposition, but into possessing salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ, 10 the One having died all around and concerning us, so that whether we might watch or sleep, we live always together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and construct one another [into God's house], just as you are also doing.

**12** We implore you, however, brothers and sisters, to be aware of those laboring among you and giving attention to you inside of the Lord, and admonishing you, 13 and to esteem them hyper-abundantly inside of love, through their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 We exhort you now, brothers and sisters, to admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient toward all. 15 See that no one repays evil against evil to anyone, but always pursue the good into one another and into all. 16 Rejoice always. 17 Pray incessantly. 18 Give thanks inside of everything; for this is God's desire inside of Christ Jesus entering into you. 19 Do not quench or suppress the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Prove all things. Take possession of the good. 22 Stay away from every appearance or fashion of evil.

**23** Now the God of peace Himself makes you fully and completely holy, your spirit and soul and body are entirely blameless, kept and watched over, inside of the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The One calling and summoning you is faithful, who also does this. 25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us. 26 Greet the brothers and sisters with pure expressions of love. 27 I charge you by the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters. 28 The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. Let it be so – it is so.

## 2 Thessalonians

**1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church and called out assembly of the Thessalonians inside of God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ. 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

**3** We are committed to thanking God and to speaking good grace always concerning you, brothers and sisters, according to your proportion and weight of value, because your faith is increasing beyond measure and the love of each one of you all is super-abounding into one another in a full back-and-forth reciprocity. 4 So for ourselves, we boast in you to the churches of God because of your steadfastness and bearing under for the sake of others, inside of all the persecutions against you and the pressures of travail within and without that you are enduring. 5 This is clear evidence of the right judgment of God as to your great value into the kingdom of God, for the sake of which you also suffer. 6 For indeed God is correct and just to give back to you against the pressures of travail you

are faithfully enduring, 7 and to give you, as you are being pressured, rest with us inside of the unveiling of the Lord Jesus Christ out from heaven with His mighty angels 8 inside of a flame of fire giving justice to those not knowing God and those not hearing the gospel of our Lord Jesus with submission. 9 They will pay fully and justly a season of loss and ruin away from the face of the Lord and away from the glory of His power 10 when He shall come in that day to be glorified inside of His saints and to be honored inside of all those having believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

**11** For this purpose we also pray always concerning you, that you may be counted in the full value of the calling of our God, and that He may fulfill every good pleasure of goodness and work of faith inside of power 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus might be glorified inside of you and you inside of Him, down to the finest details of the grace of our God [God as the gift] and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2:1** We implore you now, brothers and sisters, for the sake of the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him as assemblies of believers, 2 that you would not be hastily disturbed in mind nor alarmed, neither through spirit nor through word, nor through letter pretending to be from us, as if that particular day of the Lord is present. 3 No one should deceive you in any way, because it shall not have come before the departure first <sup>[1]</sup> and the man of lawlessness shall have been unveiled, the son of ruin and loss <sup>[2]</sup> 4 the one opposing and lifting himself above every “called” god or object of worship so as to sit down himself into the temple of God [the Church], demonstrating by “proof” that he is “God.” <sup>[3]</sup>

1 Alluding to the fall into Roman darkness and the imposition of Nicene theology

2 Comparing back to Judas Iscariot, but forward to Constantine.

3 Clearly, to our hindsight, this is referencing Constantine as the image of the tiny and far away Nicene “super-Christ.”

**5** Do you not remember that I was saying these things to you when I was with you? **6** And now you know that which is restraining until it is unveiled in its time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already energeoing; but is only presently restrained until it might become out of the midst. **8** And then lawlessness will be unveiled which the Lord Jesus will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and will render inoperative by His presence made visible and known. **9** That other is present according to the energeia of Satan inside of every fake power and signs and wonders **10** and inside of every deceit of injustice unto those perishing, for they have not welcomed the love of the truth in exchange for the purpose of their being saved. **11** And through this, God will permit them a wandering energeia, into their believing what is false **12** so that all should be judged who have not believed the truth but have been well-pleased with injustice.

**13** We, however, are committed to giving thanks to God always concerning you, brothers and sisters, beloved by the Lord, that God has chosen you from the beginning or source into salvation inside of being made holy of Spirit and faith of truth. **14** To this also He called you, through our gospel, into possessing the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **15** So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and be strong in the traditions you were taught, whether through word or through letter from us.

**16** Now our Lord Himself, Jesus Christ, and God our Father, the One having loved us and having given us age-unfolding encouragement and good hope inside of grace, **17** may He encourage your hearts, and may He strengthen you in every good work and word.

**3:1** Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may develop speedily and may be glorified just as it is also towards you, 2 and that we may be rescued from out-of-place and evil men, for not all are of faith.

3 The Lord, however, is faithful, who will establish you inside of Himself and will protect you from evil. 4 Now, we are persuaded in the Lord as to you, that the things we share you are doing and will do. 5 And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness and certainty of Christ.

6 We share with you now, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you avoid every brother walking disorderly [in a way that hurts others] and not according to the tradition you received from us. 7 You yourselves know how you imitate us, because we were not disorderly among you 8 nor did we eat bread from anyone without payment, but in labor and toil we worked night and day not to put a burden on any of you. 9 Not that we don't have the right to expect your assistance, but that we may offer ourselves as an example to you for you to imitate us.

10 Even when we were with you, we shared with you that if anyone is not willing to work, neither let him eat. 11 For we hear that some among you are walking disorderly, not working at all, but being meddlesome in other peoples' labor. 12 We share and encourage those doing that inside of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that, working with quietness, they may eat their own bread. 13 You, now, brothers and sisters, shall not become weary in well-doing.

14 If, then, anyone does not attend to our word through this letter, take note of such a one not to associate intimately with him, so that he might turn. 15 Yet do not suppose him as an enemy, but counsel him as a brother.

16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace through all inside of every way. The Lord be with all of you. 17 The greeting in my own hand—Paul—which is my signature in every letter. In this manner I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Let it be so – it is so.