

2 THESSALONIANS

Chapter 1

1 ¶ Paul and Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 ¶ We are always bound to thank God for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all toward one another abounds,

4 so that ^bwe ourselves glory in you among the churches of God ^cfor your patience and faith ^din all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure.

5 *This is* ^emanifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God so that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, ^ffor which you also suffer.

6 ^gFor *it is* a just thing with God to repay tribulation to those who trouble you,

7 and to *give* you who are afflicted ^hrest with us when ⁱthe Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

8 in flaming fire, taking vengeance on those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^jThese will be punished with everlasting destruction away from the presence of the Lord and away ^kfrom the glory of His power,

10 when He will come in that day ^lto be ^mglorified in His saints and to be admired in all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed.

11 ¶ Therefore, we also pray always for you so that our God would ⁿcount you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of goodness and ^othe work of faith with power,

12 ^pso that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

The Man of Sin

1 ¶ Now we urge you, brethren, ^aby the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ^band our gathering together unto Him,

2 ^cthat you not be quickly shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, as though the day of the Lord has come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means, for *that day will not come* ^dunless there first come a falling away, and that ^ethe man of lawlessness is re-

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vealed, ^fthe son of destruction,

4 who opposes and ^eexalts himself ^habove all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 ¶ Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things?

6 And now you know what holds him back that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For ^tthe mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, ^jwhom the Lord will consume ^kwith the breath of His mouth and will destroy ^lwith the brightness of His presence.

9 The presence of the *lawless one* is ^maccording to the working of Satan with all deceiving power and ⁿsigns and wonders,

10 and with all deception of wickedness among ^othose who perish, because they did not receive ^pthe love of the truth so that they might be saved.

11 And ^qfor this reason God will send them strong delusion ^rso that they should believe a lie,

12 that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth, but ^stook pleasure in wickedness.

Remain Faithful

13 ¶ But we are bound to give thanks

always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has ^tfrom the beginning ^uchosen you for salvation ^vthrough sanctification of spirit and belief in the truth,

14 to which He called you by our gospel, to ^wthe obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, ^xstand firm and hold ^ythe traditions that you were taught, whether by word or our letter.

16 ¶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, ^zwho has loved us and given *us* everlasting comfort and ^agood hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts ^band establish you in every good word and work.

Chapter 3

Request for Prayer

1 ¶ Finally, brethren, ^apray for us so that the word of the Lord may go forth quickly and be glorified, just as *it is* with you,

2 and ^bthat we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, ^cfor all do not have faith.

3 ¶ But ^dthe Lord is faithful, who will establish you and ^eprotect *you* from evil.

4 And ^fwe have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things we command you.

5 And may ^gthe Lord direct your

f Jn 17:12 g Is 14:13,14 h 1 Co 8:5 i 1 Jn 2:18 j Dn 7:10 k Is 11:4 l Hb 10:27 m Jn 8:41 n Dt 13:1 o 2 Co 2:15 p 1 Co 16:22 q Rm 1:28 r 1 Tm 4:1 s Rm 1:32 t Ep 1:4 u 1 Th 1:4 v 1 Pt 1:2 w 1 Pt 5:10 x 1 Co 16:13 y 1 Co 11:2 z Rv 1:5 a 1 Pt 1:3 b 1 Co 1:8 **Chapter 3:** a Ep 6:19 b Rm 15:31 c At 28:24 d 1 Co 1:9 e Jn 17:15 f 2 Co 7:16 g 1 Ch 29:18

hearts into the love of God and into the perseverance of Christ.

Caution Against Idleness

6 ¶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^hthat you withdraw yourselves ⁱfrom every brother who walks ^jdisorderly and not after the tradition that he received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we did not behave ourselves disorderly among you,

8 nor did we eat any man's bread without paying for it. But we worked with ^klabor and hardship night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you,

9 not because we do not have the ^lright, but to make ourselves an example to you to follow us.

10 For even when we were with you we commanded you this, that if anyone is not willing to work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear that there are some among you who walk disorderly, not working at all, but are ^mbusybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁿthat with quietness they work and eat their own bread.

13 But you, brethren, ^odo not grow weary in doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that man and ^phave no company with him so that he may be ashamed.

15 ^qYet do not regard *him* as an enemy, ^rbut admonish *him* as a brother.

Farewell Greetings

16 ¶ Now may ^sthe Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 ¶ ^tThe salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter, so I write.

18 ¶ ^uThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

h Rm 16:17 **i** 1 Co 5:1 **j** 1 Th 4:11 **k** 1 Th 2:9 **l** 1 Co 9:4,6-14 **m** 1 Pt 4:15 **n** Ep 4:28 **o** Gl 6:9 **p** Mt 18:17
q Lv 19:17 **r** Ti 3:10 **s** Rm 15:33 **t** 1 Co 16:21 **u** Rm 16:20,24