The First Epistle Of Paul The Apostle To The THESSALOIANS 1 THESSALONIANS 1-2

Paul remembers the work of faith, love, cheerful endurance,

of the Thessalonians; Paul entrusted with the good news

CHAPTER 1

- 1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in Father God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, from our Father God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2 We give thanks to God always concerning all of you, mentioning you upon our prayers,
- 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and the toil of love, and cheerful endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in front of God and our Father.
- 4 Seeing, brothers beloved, your being chosen under God,
- 5 Because our good news absolutely was not caused to be to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much full assurance, as you see what kind of men we were among you because of you.
- 6 And you became imitators of us, and of the Lord, receiving the word in much tribulation with joy of *the* Holy Spirit,
- 7 So that you were examples to all those believing in Macedonia and in Achaia,
- 8 Because from you sounded out the word of the Lord absolutely not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not have *the* need to speak anything,

- 9 Because they themselves announce concerning us what manner of entrance we have to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
- 10 And to wait for his Son out of heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivered us out of the coming wrath.

CHAPTER 2

- 1 Because you yourselves, brothers, see our entrance to you, that it absolutely was not empty,
- 2 But having suffered before, also being abused, as you see, in Philippi, we were outspoken in our God to speak to you the good news of God in many contests,
- 3 Because our comfort was absolutely not out of leading astray, and absolutely not out of uncleanness, and absolutely not in baited entrapment,
- 4 But as we have been tested of God to be entrusted with the good news, even so we speak, absolutely not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.
- 5 Because absolutely not at any time did we cause flattering words to be, as you see, and absolutely not a pretext of covetousness; God *is* witness;
- 6 And absolutely not seeking glory of men, and absolutely not from you, and absolutely not from others, having power to be

- 1 THESSALONIANS 3 Paul's loving, blameless conduct among them who are his crown in weight as the apostles of
- Christ. But we became childlike in your midst, as a nurse brooding over her children;
- In this way yearning over you, we were thinking it good to give over to you, absolutely not only the good news of God, but also our own souls, on the very account that you have become beloved to us,
- Because you remember, brothers, our toils and hardships. working night and day toward not being heavy upon any of you, we preached to you the good news of God. Note 1 Cor 9:13
- 10 You are witnesses, and God, how sacredly, and righteously, and blamelessly we were to those of you believing,
- 11 Exactly as you see how as a father to his children, comforting you, and consoling, and testifying to each one of you,
- 12 For you to walk worthily of God, the one calling you into his kingdom and glory.
- 13 And because of this we give thanks to God without ceasing, because, taking to yourself the word, hearing God alongside of us, you absolutely did not receive it as the word of men, but iust as it is in truth. the word of God, which also supernaturally works in those of you believing,
- 14 Because you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God, those being in Judaea in Christ Jesus, because you also have suffered these things under your own fellow-tribesmen, just 1844

- as they under the Jews,
 - 15 Those who also killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have pursued us, and they do not please God, and are opposed to all men,
 - 16 Stopping us from speaking to the races that they may be saved, to fill up their sins always, and the wrath has already arrived upon them to the limit.
 - 17 And we, brothers, being orphaned from you for a short time, in face, absolutely not in heart, exerted earnest speed super-abundantly to see your face in much passion.
 - 18 On this very account we willed to come to you, truly, I Paul, and one time, and twice, and Satan cut into us,
 - 19 Because what is our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting? Is it absolutely not even you in front of our Lord Jesus Christ in his coming to be at our side?
 - 20 Because you are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

- Consequently no longer covering over in silence, we thought it good to be left behind in Athens alone,
- And sent Timothy, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow-worker in the good news of Christ, to cause you to be steadfastly set, and to comfort you concerning your faith,
- That no one be wagged back and forth in these tribulations, because you see that we lie outstretched for this,

- 4 Because also, when we were with you, we said to you beforehand that we were about to be pressed, just as it came to be, and you see.
- 5 Because of this, I also no longer covering it over in silence, sent to know your faith, lest somehow the one tempting tempted you, and our toil be for emptiness.
- 6 And now Timothy's coming to us from you, and announcing good news to us of your faith and love, and that you have inherent good remembrance of us always, craving to see us, exactly as we also *to see* you.
- 7 Because of this, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our tribulation and distress through your faith,
- 8 Because now we live, if you stand firm in *the* Lord.
- 9 Because what thanks do we have power to give back to God concerning you, over all the joy with which we rejoice because of you in front of our God,
- 10 Night and day superabundantly petitioning for the seeing of your face, and to thoroughly complete the things lacking in your faith?
- 11 And God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, fully make our way straight to you.
- 12 And the Lord make you to increase, and super-abound in love to one another, and to all, exactly as we also to you,

13 To cause your hearts to be steadfastly set blameless in holiness in front of our God and Father in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to stand by our side with all his saints.

CHAPTER 4

- 1 Therefore for the remaining, brothers, we ask you, and comfort you in *the* Lord Jesus, that just as you have taken to yourself alongside of us how you ought to walk and to please God, that you super-abound more,
- 2 Because you see what orders we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
- 3 Because this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual promiscuity,
- 4 To see each one of you procure for himself his vessel in sanctification and honor,
- 5 Not in passionate passions, even as the races who do not see God,
- 6 Not to go beyond, and overreach his brother in the matter; on this very account the Lord carries out justice concerning all these, as we also have said to you already, and solemnly witnessed,
- 7 Because God has absolutely not called us toward uncleanness, but in holiness.
- 8 Consequently the one despising, absolutely does not despise man, but God, the one giving his Holy Spirit to us.
- 9 And concerning brotherly love, you have absolutely no need *for me* to write to you, because

1 THESSALONIANS 5 The saved dead will be caught up with Christ when He comes for His saints

you yourselves are taught by God to love one another,

- 10 Because also you do it toward all the brothers in all Macedonia, and we call you to our side, brothers, to superabound more,
- 11 And that you be fond of the honor to be quiet, and to practice your own things, and to work with your own hands, as we charged you,
- 12 That you may walk in good form toward those outside, and have need of not one thing.
- 13 And I will you to absolutely not be ignorant, brothers, concerning those fallen asleep, that you not be sad, even as the rest having no hope,
- 14 Because if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in this way also those having fallen asleep God through Jesus will bring with him,
- 15 Because we say this to you in a word of *the* Lord, that we, those living, those left all around unto the coming of the Lord to be at our side, will absolutely not arrive before those having fallen asleep,
- 16 Because the Lord himself, in a shout, in a voice of *the* chief *heavenly* messenger, and in a trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will stand up first;
- 17 Then we, the ones living, the ones left all around, at the same time will be taken to him-

- self with them, in clouds, to a meeting of the Lord in *the* air, and in this way forever we shall be with the Lord.
- 18 Therefore comfort one another in these words.

CHAPTER 5

- 1 And concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have absolutely no need to be written to,
- 2 Because you yourselves see exactly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in *the* night,
- 3 Because when they say, Peace and security, then sudden destruction comes upon them, exactly as birth pains upon one having *a child* in her stomach, and they shall absolutely not escape.
- 4 And you, brothers, are absolutely not in darkness, that the day should seize you as a thief.
- 5 You are all children of light, and children of *the* day; we are absolutely not of *the* night, and absolutely not of darkness;
- 6 Therefore do not let us fall asleep, as also the rest, but let us keep awake, and be sober,
- 7 Because those sleeping, sleep in *the* night, and those drunk, are drunk in *the* night.
- 8 And being of *the* day, let us be sober, putting on *the* breast-plate of faith and love, and *the* helmet of *the* hope of salvation,

Note Gen 3:8

Comfort one another, love your ministers, warn the disorderly, spirit, soul, body 1 THESSALONIANS 5

- 9 Because God has absolutely not placed us into wrath, but into purchasing salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 The one having died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we live together with him.
- 11 Therefore comfort one another, and *each* one build up the *other* one, even as also you do.
- 12 And we ask you, brothers, to see those toiling among you, and standing before you in *the* Lord, and who put you in mind *of* God's will,
- 13 And govern them to be exceeding abundantly loved because of their work; be at peace in yourselves.
- 14 And we call on you, brothers, those being disorderly put in mind *not to be disorderly*, comfort those puny in soul,¹⁴ hold up the weak, be patient toward all.
- 15 See that no one gives back evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the inherent good, also to one another, and to all.
 - 16 Rejoice always.
 - 17 Pray without ceasing.
- 18 In everything give thanks, because this *is the* will of God in Christ Jesus to you.
- 19 Do not extinguish the Spirit.
- 20 Do not make prophesyings to be utterly nothing.
- 21 Test all things; hold on to the beautifully good.

- 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- 23 And the God of peace himself sanctify you complete in every part, and your whole spirit, and soul, and body be kept blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to be at our side.
- 24 Faithful *is* the one calling you, who also will do *it*.
 - 25 Brothers, pray for us.
- 26 Embrace all the brothers in a holy kiss.
- 27 I put you under oath to the Lord *that* the letter be read to all the holy brothers.
- 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

¹⁴ **5:14 puny in soul,** *oligopsuchous*, literally, puny-souled, being little in attitude.

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