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2 Thessalonians

Chapter 1

¹Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, just as it is fitting, because your faith is increasing greatly, and the love of each one of you all for one another is increasing; ⁴so that we ourselves boast in you among the churches of God about your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions that you endure, ⁵evidence of the righteous judgment of God, for you to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶if indeed {it is} righteous for God to return affliction to those who are afflicting you, ⁷and relief to you who are being afflicted with us at the revealing of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who have not known God and on those who are not obeying the gospel of our Lord Jesus, ⁹who will pay the penalty—eternal destruction away from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his power, ¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all those who have believed, for our testimony to you has been believed. ¹¹For this we also pray always for you, so that our God may consider you worthy of the calling and he may fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith in power ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus might be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

¹Now about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to him, we ask you, brothers, ²for you not to be quickly shaken in {your} mind and not to be troubled either by a spirit or by a word or by a letter as if from us, as if that the day of the Lord has already come. ³May no one deceive you in any way, for it may not come unless first the apostacy and the man of lawlessness may be revealed, the son of destruction,^[1] ⁴the one who opposes and exalts himself against everything being called god or an object of worship. As a result, he sits in the temple of God, showing that he himself is God. ⁵Do you not remember that, still being with you, I was telling you these things? ⁶And now you know what is restraining him, until his revealing in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already working, but the one who restrains him now will do so until he might be out of the way, ⁸and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth, and will bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming, ⁹the arrival of whom is according to the work of Satan in all power and signs and false wonders ¹⁰and in all deceit of unrighteousness to those who are perishing, because of which they did not receive the love of the truth for them to be saved. ¹¹And because of this, God is sending to them a working of error for them to believe the lie ¹²so that they might all be judged, those who have not believed the truth, but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness.

¹³Now we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers having been loved by the Lord. For God chose you as firstfruits for salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.^[2] ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, to the acquiring of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold tight to the traditions that you were taught, whether by word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷may he comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

2:3 ^[1]

2:13 [2]

Chapter 3

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us so that the word of the Lord might run and might be glorified, just as also with you, ²and so that we might be rescued from the perverse and evil men, for not everyone {has} faith. ³But the Lord is faithful, who will strengthen and keep you from the evil one. ⁴Now we are confident in the Lord about you that you are doing and will do the things we command. ⁵Now may the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you to keep away from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions which you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know in what manner it is necessary to imitate us, because we did not behave disorderly among you, ⁸nor did we eat bread from anyone for free, but, working night and day in toil and hardship not to burden any of you, ⁹not because we do not have authority, but in order that we might offer ourselves {as} an example to you to imitate us. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we were commanding you this, "If anyone is not willing to work, do not even let him eat." ¹¹For we hear about some who are walking idly among you, not working, but meddling. ¹²But such ones we are commanding and exhorting in the Lord Jesus Christ, that working with quietness, they might eat their own bread. ¹³But you, brothers, do not become weary in doing what is right. ¹⁴Now if anyone does not obey our word through the letter, note this one—not to associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. ¹⁵And do not consider him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace through all in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷This greeting is in my own hand—Paul—which is a sign in every letter. In this manner I write. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with you all.

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