

# FIRST THESSALONIANS

- A. <sup>1:1</sup>Paul and Silvanus and Timothy
- B. *To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*
- C. *Grace to you and peace*

- 1A. <sup>2</sup>We are giving-thanks *to* God always for you all, making mention *of you* in our prayers
  - 1B. Unceasingly <sup>3</sup>remembering your work *of* faith and labor *of* love and endurance *of* hope *in* our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father
  - 2B. <sup>4</sup>Knowing, brothers having been loved by God, your election, <sup>5</sup>because—
    - 1C. Our good-news did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in *the* Holy Spirit and with great fullness-of-conviction— just as you know what-kind-of *men* we proved-to-be among you for your sake
    - 2C. <sup>6</sup>And **you** became imitators *of* us and *of* the Lord, having accepted the word in much affliction with *the* joy *of the* Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became *an* example *to* all the *ones* believing in Macedonia and in Achaia
      - 1D. <sup>8</sup>For from you the word *of* the Lord has sounded-forth— not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith toward God has gone-out— so that we *are* having no need to speak anything!
      - 1E. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves are reporting about us *as to* what-sort-of entrance we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols
        - 1F. To be serving *the* living and true God
        - 2F. <sup>10</sup>And to be awaiting His Son from the heavens, Whom He raised from the dead— Jesus, the *One* delivering us from the coming wrath
- 2A. <sup>2:1</sup>For you yourselves know our entrance to you, brothers— that it has not been empty
  - 1B. <sup>2</sup>But having previously-suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak the good-news *of* God to you in *a* great conflict
    - 1C. <sup>3</sup>For our exhortation *is* not from error, nor from impurity, nor in deceit. <sup>4</sup>But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted-*with* the good-news, so we speak— not as pleasing people, but God, the *One* testing our hearts
      - 1D. <sup>5</sup>For neither did we at-any-time come with *a* word *of* flattery, as you know
        - 1E. Nor with *a* pretext *for* greed— God *is* witness
        - 2E. <sup>6</sup>Nor seeking glory from people— neither from you, nor from others, <sup>7</sup>[although] being able to be with weight as apostles *of* Christ
      - 2D. But we proved-to-be child-like in your midst
      - 3D. As when *a* nurse cherishes her children, <sup>8</sup>in this manner longing-affectionately *for* you, we were well-pleased to impart *to* you not only the good-news *of* God, but also our *own* lives, because you became beloved *ones to* us
    - 2C. <sup>9</sup>For you remember, brothers, our labor and hardship— working *by* night and *by* day so-as not to be *a* burden-on any *of* you, we proclaimed to you the good-news *of* God
    - 3C. <sup>10</sup>You and God *are* witnesses how devoutly and righteously and blamelessly we were *with* you, the *ones* believing— <sup>11</sup>just-as you know how each one *of* you, as *a* father his *own* children
      - 1D. <sup>12</sup>*We were* exhorting you and encouraging and testifying so-that you *might* walk worthily *of* God, the *One* calling you into His *own* kingdom and glory
  - 2B. <sup>13</sup>And for this reason **we** are indeed giving-thanks *to* God unceasingly: because having received *the* word *of* God heard from us, you accepted not *the* word *of* humans, but, as it truly is, *the* word *of* God, which also is at-work in you, the *ones* believing
    - 1C. <sup>14</sup>For **you** became imitators, brothers, *of* the churches *of* God existing in Judea in Christ Jesus, because **you** also suffered the same *things* *by your* own countrymen as they also by the Jews—
      - 1D. <sup>15</sup>The *ones* also having killed **the Lord** Jesus and the prophets
      - 2D. And having driven us out
      - 3D. And not being pleasing *to* God
      - 4D. And *being* contrary *to* all people, <sup>16</sup>forbidding us to speak *to* the Gentiles in order that they might be saved

- 5D. So that *they* fill-up *the measure of* their sins always. But the wrath came upon them to the uttermost
- 3A. <sup>17</sup>And **we**, brothers— having been orphaned from you for *a season of an hour in face, not in heart*— were more eager with great desire to see your face. <sup>18</sup>Because we wanted to come to you— **I**, Paul, both once and twice— and Satan hindered us
- 1B. <sup>19</sup>For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown *of* boasting— or *is it* not indeed you— before our Lord Jesus at His coming? <sup>20</sup>For **you** are our glory and joy
- 2B. <sup>3:1</sup>Therefore, bearing *it* no longer, we preferred to be left-behind in Athens alone, <sup>2</sup>and we sent Timothy, our brother and *a fellow-worker of God in the good-news of Christ*
- 1C. So that *he might* establish you and encourage *you* concerning your faith, <sup>3</sup>*that* no one *might* be disturbed by these afflictions
- 1D. For you yourselves know that we are appointed for this
- 2D. <sup>4</sup>For even when we were with you, we were telling you beforehand that we were going to be afflicted, just as indeed it happened, and *just as* you know
- 3D. <sup>5</sup>For this reason, and I bearing *it* no longer, I sent *Timothy* so as to know your faith— *that* the *one* tempting had not somehow tempted you and our labor proved-to-be in vain
- 3B. <sup>6</sup>And Timothy having just-now come to us from you, and having announced-the-good-news *to us as to* your faith and love, and that you have *a good remembrance of us* always, yearning to see us just as we also you— <sup>7</sup>because of this we were encouraged, brothers, over you in all our distress and affliction, through your faith
- 1C. <sup>8</sup>Because now we live!— if **you** are standing-*firm* in *the* Lord
- 2C. <sup>9</sup>For what thanksgiving can we return *to* God for you for all the joy *with* which we are rejoicing because of you before our God?—
- 1D. <sup>10</sup>Praying super-abundantly *by night and by day* that *we may* see your face and complete the *things* lacking *from* your faith
- 4B. <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you
- 1C. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound *in* love for one another and for everyone (just as we also for you), <sup>13</sup>so that *He may* establish your hearts *so as to be* blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming *of* our Lord Jesus with all His holy *ones*. Amen
- 4A. <sup>4:1</sup>Finally then, brothers, we ask you, and exhort in *the* Lord Jesus that just as you received from us how you ought-to be walking and pleasing God (just as you also are walking), that you be abounding more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what commands we gave *to* you through the Lord Jesus
- 1B. <sup>3</sup>For this is *the* will *of* God— your holiness
- 1C. *That* you be abstaining from sexual-immorality
- 2C. <sup>4</sup>*That* each *of* you know-*how* to acquire *control of* his *own* vessel in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in *the* passion *of* desire as indeed the Gentiles not knowing God
- 3C. <sup>6</sup>*That* no *one* overstep and exploit his brother in the matter
- 4C. Because *the* Lord *is* the avenger concerning all these *things*, just as we also told you before, and solemnly-warned
- 1D. <sup>7</sup>For God did not call us for impurity, but in holiness
- 2D. <sup>8</sup>So-*therefore* the *one* rejecting is not rejecting *a* human, but God, the *One* also giving His Holy Spirit to you
- 2B. <sup>9</sup>But concerning brotherly-love, you have no need *that anyone should* be writing *to* you
- 1C. For **you** yourselves are God-taught so-that *you might* be loving one another
- 2C. <sup>10</sup>For indeed you are doing it toward all the brothers in all Macedonia
- 3C. But we exhort you, brothers, to be abounding more, <sup>11</sup>and to be ambitious to be quiet, and to be doing *your own things* and working *with* your own hands, just as we commanded you
- 1D. <sup>12</sup>In order that you may walk properly toward the *ones* outside and may have need *of* nothing
- 5A. <sup>13</sup>And we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, concerning the *ones* falling-asleep, in-order-that you may not grieve as indeed the others— the *ones* not having *a* hope
- 1B. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose-up, so also God will bring with Him the *ones* having fallen asleep through Jesus

- 1C. <sup>15</sup>For we say this *to you* by *the word of the Lord*, that **we**— the *ones* living, the *ones* remaining until the coming of the Lord— will in-no-way precede the *ones* having fallen asleep
- 1D. <sup>16</sup>Because the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with *a shouted-command*, with *a voice of an archangel*, and with *a trumpet of God*
- 2D. And the dead in Christ will rise-up first
- 3D. <sup>17</sup>Then **we**— the *ones* living, the *ones* remaining— will be snatched-up together with them in *the clouds* to meet the Lord in *the air*
- 4D. And so we shall always be with *the Lord*
- 2C. <sup>18</sup>So then, be encouraging one another with these words
- 2B. <sup>5:1</sup>But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need *that anything should be written to you*
- 1C. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves accurately know that *the day of the Lord* comes in this manner— like *a thief in the night*
- 1D. <sup>3</sup>When they are saying “peace and security”, then unexpected destruction suddenly-comes-upon them, just as the birth-pain *on the one having a child in the womb*. And they will by no means escape
- 2C. <sup>4</sup>But **you**, brothers, are not in darkness, so that the day should overtake you like *a thief*
- 1D. <sup>5</sup>For **you** all are sons of light, and sons of day. We are not of night, nor of darkness
- 3C. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be sleeping like the others, but let us be keeping-watch and being sober
- 1D. <sup>7</sup>For the *ones* sleeping are sleeping *at night*. And the *ones* getting-drunk are-drunk *at night*
- 2D. <sup>8</sup>But let **us**, being *of the day*, be sober
- 1E. Having put on *a breastplate of faith and love*
- 2E. And *a helmet— the hope of salvation*
- 3D. <sup>9</sup>Because God did not appoint us for wrath, but for *the obtaining of salvation* through our Lord Jesus Christ—
- 1E. <sup>10</sup>The *One* having died for us in order that whether we are keeping-watch or sleeping, we may live together with Him
- 4C. <sup>11</sup>Therefore be encouraging one another, and building-up one the other, just as you are also doing
- 6A. <sup>12</sup>And we ask you, brothers, to know the *ones* laboring among you and leading you in *the Lord* and admonishing you, <sup>13</sup>and to be esteeming them super-abundantly in love because of their work. Be living-in-peace among yourselves
- 7A. <sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brothers—
- 1B. Be admonishing the disorderly *ones*, be encouraging the fainthearted *ones*, be holding-on-to the weak *ones*, be patient with everyone
- 2B. <sup>15</sup>See *that* no one gives-back evil for evil *to anyone*, but always be pursuing the good, both for one another and for everyone
- 3B. <sup>16</sup>Be rejoicing always, <sup>17</sup>be praying unceasingly, <sup>18</sup>be giving-thanks in everything. For this *is the will of God* in Christ Jesus for you
- 4B. <sup>19</sup>Do not be quenching the Spirit, <sup>20</sup>do not be treating prophecies with contempt, <sup>21</sup>but be testing all *things*
- 5B. Be holding-on-to the good, <sup>22</sup>be abstaining from every form of evil
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- A. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly. And may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blamelessly at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
1. <sup>24</sup>Faithful *is the One* calling you, Who also will do *it*
- B. <sup>25</sup>Brothers, be praying also for us
- C. <sup>26</sup>Greet all the brothers with *a holy kiss*
- D. <sup>27</sup>I adjure you *by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers*
- E. <sup>28</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be with you*