

SECOND THESSALONIANS

1:1 Paul 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 our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

We Thank God For Your Faith And Love, And Boast of Your Endurance Amidst Afflictions

³We ought to be giving-thanks *to* God always for you, brothers, just as it is fitting, because your faith is growing-abundantly and the love of each one *of* you all toward one another is increasing, ⁴so that we ourselves *are* boasting in you among the churches *of* God with reference to your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are bearing-with—

These Are Evidence of God's Righteous Judgment Concerning You And Those Afflicting You

⁵... *which is* evidence *of* the righteous judgment *of* God that you *will* be considered-worthy *of* the kingdom *of* God for the sake of which you also are suffering, ⁶since *it will be a* righteous *thing* with God to repay affliction *to* the *ones* afflicting you ⁷and *to give* you, the *ones* being afflicted, rest along with us at the revelation *of* the Lord Jesus from heaven with angels *of* His power ⁸in flaming fire, giving punishment *to* the *ones* not knowing God and the *ones* not obeying the good-news *of* our Lord Jesus— ⁹who will pay *the* penalty: eternal destruction from *the* presence *of* the Lord and from the glory *of* His strength, ¹⁰when He comes to be glorified in His saints and marveled-*at* among all the *ones* having believed— because our testimony to you was believed— on that day,

We Pray For God To Fulfill Your Every Desire To Express Your Goodness And Faith

¹¹... for which also we are praying always for you in order that our God may consider you worthy *of* the calling, and may fulfill every desire *of* goodness and work *of* faith with [His] power, ¹²so that the name *of* our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in Him, according-to the grace *of* our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't Be Alarmed: The Day of The Lord Has Not Yet Come

2:1 Now we ask you, brothers, concerning the coming *of* our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering-together to Him, ²that you not be quickly shaken from *your* understanding nor alarmed— neither by *a* spirit, nor by *a* word, nor by *a* letter as-*if* through us, how that the day *of* the Lord is present. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, because *it will not be present* unless the apostasy comes first and the man *of* lawlessness is revealed— the son *of* destruction, ⁴the *one* opposing and exalting *himself* over everything being called god or *an* object-of-worship, so that he sits-*down* in the temple *of* God displaying himself that he is god. ⁵Do you not remember that while still being with you I was telling you these *things*? ⁶And you know the *thing* restraining **now**, so that he *might* be revealed in his *own* time.

For Lawlessness Is Being Restrained Right Now, But The Lawless One Will Come Later

⁷For the mystery *of* lawlessness is already at-work, only *there is* the *one* restraining right-now until he comes out of *the* midst. ⁸And then the lawless *one* will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill *with* the breath *of* His mouth and do-away-with *by* the appearance *of* His coming— ⁹whose coming is in accordance with *the* working *of* Satan, with all power and signs and wonders *of* falsehood, ¹⁰and with every deception *of* unrighteousness *for* the *ones* perishing because they did not receive the love *of* the truth so that they *might* be saved. ¹¹And for this reason, God sends them *a* working *of* error so that they *will* believe the falsehood, ¹²in order that all the *ones* not having believed *in* the truth but having taken-pleasure *in* unrighteousness may be condemned.

But God Chose You To Be The Firstfruits of Salvation. Stand Firm And Hold On To The Truth

¹³But **we** ought to be giving-thanks *to* God always for you, brothers having been loved by *the* Lord, because God chose you *to be* the firstfruit for salvation *in* the holiness *of* the Spirit and faith *in* the truth— ¹⁴to which also He called you through our good-news, for *the* obtaining *of* the glory *of* our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, be standing-*firm*, and be holding-on-to the traditions which you were taught— whether by word [of mouth] or by our letter. ¹⁶And may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, the *One* having loved us and having given *us* eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish *you* in every good work and word.

Pray That The Word May Spread Quickly And That We May Be Protected From Evil People

3:1 Finally, brothers, be praying for us that the word *of* the Lord may run and be glorified, just as also with you, ²and that we may be delivered from out-of-place and evil people. For faith *is* not *possessed* by everyone. ³But the Lord is faithful— Who will establish you, and protect *you* from the evil *one*. ⁴And we are confident in *the* Lord concerning you that *the things* which we are commanding, you also are doing and will do. ⁵And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love *of* God and into the endurance *of* Christ.

Imitate Us, And Keep Away From Those Who Don't

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in *the* name *of* our Lord Jesus Christ, *that* you be keeping-away from every brother walking disorderly and not according to the tradition which they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how *you* ought-to be imitating us. Because we were not disorderly among you, ⁸nor did we eat bread as-a-gift from anyone, but *were* working with labor and hardship *by* night and *by*

day so-as not to be *a* burden-on any *of* you—⁹not because we do not have *the* right, but in order that we might give ourselves *as a* pattern *to* you, so that *you may* be imitating us. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we commanded this *to* you— that “if anyone does not want to work, neither let him eat”. ¹¹For we are hearing *of* some among you walking disorderly, not working at all, but being-busybodies. ¹²Now *to* such *ones* we command and exhort in *the* Lord Jesus Christ that while working with quietness, they eat their *own* bread. ¹³But **you**, brothers, do not grow-weary while doing-good. ¹⁴And if anyone does not obey our word through *this* letter, be taking-note-of this *one*— to not be associating-with him, in order that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵And do not be regarding *him* as *an* enemy, but be admonishing *him* as *a* brother. ¹⁶And may the Lord *of* peace Himself give you peace continually in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

¹⁷The greeting *of* Paul *by* my *own* hand, which is *a* sign in every letter— I write in this manner. ¹⁸The grace *of* our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.