

V-1. Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. The introduction is the same as First Thess.
- B. The church real structure not in buildings, but in Name. J.C.

V-2. Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the L.J.C.

- A. Apostle expresses a high esteem he had for them, and wishes the greatest blessing of God upon them.

V-3. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

- A. His expression to God for their spiritual progress, they felt it meet to praise God for the abounding love that exist among them for the brethren.
 1. They demonstrated true religion, in personal conduct as well as in the church or home.

V-4. So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure--

- A. Apostle not in habit of flattering friends, but he invariably commended them for their endurance in fiery trials, as they saw Him who was invisible, and looking to the recompense of reward.
 1. They were strong in the Lord and in power of His might.
 2. They did not falter, nor fall under severe test.

V-5. Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgement of God, that ye might be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which ye also suffer.

- A. By thus developing through suffering, indicates that the goodness of God was at work.
- B. This was a sign of God's acceptance of His tried people.
 1. True religion if it is worthy anything, it is worth everything
 2. God does not overlook our sufferings for the kingdom's sake.
 3. He anticipates a better world.

V-6. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you.

- A. This suggests that God will avenge his elect.
- B. God will recompense them with a righteous rest.
 1. God was not unmindful of their tribulations, inflicted upon them by their nefarious adversaries.
 2. There should be no question to the ability of God handling the problems of His own.
 3. God with justice will avenge all opposition.

V-7. And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the L.J. shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.

- A. A rest remains for people of God, a rest from sorrow, etc.
- B. This future rest will obliterate all past sufferings.

C. Specific time is mentioned: It will be a revelation of the righteous judgement of God.

1. He will appear from heaven, who now conceal him, then he will be revealed. How?
2. With mighty angels: Will accompany him to grace the solemnity of that great day of his appearance.
3. Angels will be ministers of justice and mercy.

V-8. In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. A fire goeth before him and he shall consume his enemies.
- B. All earth be melt with fervent heat. This fire will try the works of men as to what sort it is.
 1. A refining fire to the saints, but a consuming fire to the enemies.

V-9. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

- A. It will be terrible to some, but joyous to others.
- B. Those who have not obeyed, or rebelled against the light of nature, that knew not God
- C. Though sinners be long reprieved, they will be punished at last. Receive sins wages (death) eternal.
 1. Destruction to be everlasting.

V-10. When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believe) in that day.

- A. It will be a joyous day for the believers of the gospel.
- B. Christ will be extolled and glorified in them.
- C. What a great reunion, what fellowship.

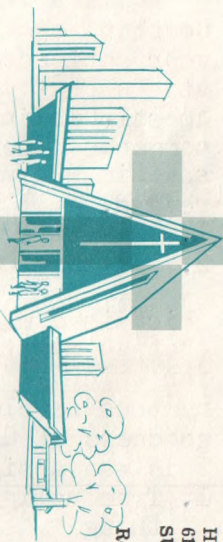
V-11. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power.

- A. The apostle is constantly telling them of his personal prayer and desire for them, and that God's approval would be stamped upon their lives.
 1. Would maintain a good relationship
- B. That through them God would carry on the good work that is begun.
 1. If there would be any fruit of good-works it was given then of God.
 2. That as he has started a good work in them, that it would be carried on, even after they are gone.

V-12. That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. That in what so ever their hands find to do, they may in turn do it to glorify God through Christ.
- B. They were ambitious for their converts.
 1. They wanted them to have a savoury life.
 2. Relying upon God's grace, and power.
 3. May this chapter stimulate interest in us.

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V-1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our L.J.C., and by our gathering together unto Him,

A. It appears here that the people had misconstrued the meaning of the Apostle message about the coming of the Lord.

B. It seemed likely that some pretended that they had knowledge of this particular revelation. or pretended that Aposltel had wirtten to them, so Paul tries to rectify these mistqke, and prevent it from spreading.

C. How earnest he was to prevent these mistakes, We beseech thee brethren.

1. He deals with them with such kindness, and by the most solemn manner.. By coming of Christ

2. Gathered together with Him: Its of certainty, This has been faith and hope of all Christinas.

3. He will be the great centre of their union, unity

4. His coming is of great importance, a great moment

V-2. That ye be not som shaken in mind, or be troubled neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

1. They should not be decieved as to this, error in the mind tend greatly to weaken our faith, and cause trouble.

2. Many decivers who says: Where is the promise of com.

V-3. Let no man deceive you by any means-

A. False teaching, doctrine is like the wind..

B. He admonished them not to waver, if the Tarries, and not come in their life time..

C. That they should always watch and pray.

V-4. For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

A. Here the Apolstel confutes the error against which he had caution them.

B. Mentions several events previous to coming of Christ

1. A falling away first. in spiritual matters.

2. From sound doctrine, instituted worship, etc.

C. Revelation of man of sin:

1. Not to be shocked, after Christianity rooted, plant in world, begin to be defection in Christina bhure was in O.T. Soon after the promise, were revotling

V-5. Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

A. His diabolical character. His intent, to dethrone God.

God. As a god of power, he promotes wickedness,

B. He make the people sebserveint to him..

C. He claims divine honour, and thus requires those to worship him.. as some great power.

D. This anti-christ is aursurpher of Christ authority.

V-5. Remember ye not, when I was yet with you, I told you these things ?

V-6. And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

A. Whne in their presence he told them of these things

B. Grace restrains, prayers stops the flow of godlens

V-7. For the mystry of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

A. Under false colours, pretenses this mystry was working, for it was conceal from view.

B. By pretending devotion, superstition, and idolartry, were advanced: an pretended zeal for God, and his glory, bifotry and persecution were promoted.

C. While Aposlte were living, enemies sowed tares, etc.

D. God suffers things to go along, mere fact you are here in rebellion, show his infinite patience.

V-8. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

A. The fall of ruin of the antichristian state is declared .. The head is called the wicked one) who set up a human power in competition with, and contradiction to, the diven dominion and power of the Lord
1. Spirit of mauth: Pure word of God

V-9. Even Him, whose coming is after coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and Jy-ing wonders.

V-10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of truth, that they might be saved.

A. The great enemy of soul, adversary of God and man, The patron of error and lies, sworn enemy of truth.

1. They pretend to show sign and wonders, thus to support their false doctrine, to serve their cause. With all deceviableness of unrighteousness,

May call it pious fruads, Paul calls them wicked,

2. They beguile unwary, and unstable souls.

3. They failed to respond to the love of truth.

V-11. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie.

V-12. That they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleausre in unrighteousness.

A. The sin that damns the soul, believe theri lie. An errounus mind and vicious life often go together

V-13. But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

- A. The consolation the church received against the terror of a general falling away..
1. They were chosen, called by his grace, Especially we should rejoice that we can be included in the number of elect.
 2. Paul's expression of gratitude to God for his persevering power.
- B. Consider the stability of this call of grace.
1. The eternal date of it: from beginning, not beginning of gospel, but of world.. (foundation of earth)
 2. Chosen to salvation: free from sin and misery..
 3. Sanctification of Spirit: Redemption twofold.
 4. We are chosen by God to salvation as a means to an end.
 5. Whic the Spirit through His divine operations cleanseth us from all sin, and purify us within.
- C. There must be ~~the~~ belief of the truth:
1. Sanctify them through thy truth.. Saved by the truth, which makes us free.

V-14. Whereunto he called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. The outward of ~~the~~ God is by the gospel; and this rendered effectual by the inward operation of the Spirit.
- B. The gospel invites men to the obtaining of glory.
1. It is a call to honour and happiness.
 2. And that the glory Christ is possessed of, to be communicated unto those who believe in him and obey his gospel.

V-15. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

- A. Should cleave to the doctrine as presented by Paul.
1. They were caution to diligence and great care.
 2. They must remember from whom they receive them..
 - a. The anointing they have received from Him, abide in them, should not be easily led astray.
- B. Cannon of scripture were not complete, and these epistles were being written or spoken as they were moved by the H.G.

V-16. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

- A. We have in these words the earnest prayer of the Apostle for his people..
1. He prayed to God, through the mediation of Christ.
 2. He takes courage showing what God has already done for the
 3. The love of God is the spring and fountain of all the good we have received or hope for.
 4. Beyond this life, a glorious hope of heaven, etc.

V-17. Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work

- A. This is the great need, God of comfort. Need this establishment.. so as to talk, and work, until he comes.
- B. Our word and works must lift up Christ..

V-1. Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have a free course, and be glorified even as it is with you:

- A. See the great Apostle desiring the prayers of his friends.
1. He remembered them, and he wanted them to remember him.
 2. Even though distance separate meet at throne of grace.
- B. He was slothful about the propagation of the gospel more than his daily food..
1. He wanted people to be saved by it.
 2. He desired that his people may continue to magnify it.
 - a. That men might see how it was wrought effectual in the

V-2. And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for all men have not faith.

- A. He asked their prayer for preservation.
- B. That by these vain and impious people, could hinder the free flow of gospel.. ruin minister by bad rumors, etc.
- C. The majority are faithless, would fail to respond to gospel, and would hinder others..
1. No concern in the ministers labors, etc.
 2. Therefore he desired the faithful to pray..

V-3. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil..

- A. The good grace of God is seen in the establishment and preservation of his people.
- B. We can stand no longer than God holds us up.
1. The Lord knoweth the way of the godly..
 2. He is ever mindful of their weakness, to make strong.
 3. He will shield from evil, or works of darkness.
 4. He make it so encouraging the Lord is faithful.
 - a. When other fails.. Christ never fails. a faithful friend

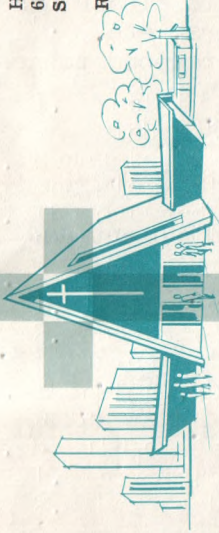
V-4. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things we command you.

V-5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

- A. He had confidence in them, as he had for God.. without which no one could have confidence in each other.
- B. Confidence in God's ability to touch them, and increase their faith and devotion..
1. That they would do things to please the Apostle.
- C. That together they might live, and work as one unit..
1. A spirit of love and brotherliness existing.
 2. A happy anticipation of the second advent of the Lord.
- D. His prayer was short and comprehensive..
1. That their patience or faith would not wane.
 2. The coming of Christ is most important event to saints.
 3. A working unit here, and a wonderful communion there.

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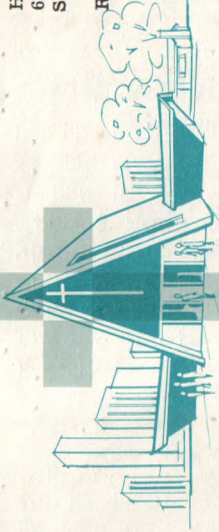


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- V-6. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our L.J.C., that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.
- A. Paul commended their obedience for the time past, and thus assures them of his confidence to them for their obedience which they will demonstrate in the future. (Such faith)
1. He gave commands and direction.
To those who were faulty. Even the best society of Christ may have faulty members among them.
 2. Human perfection is not to be found on this side of heaven
- B. They were some who did not walk orderly.
1. They did not govern their lives, or lived agreeably according to their profession.. and according to scripture
 2. They must live the gospel, be a followers of the Apostle.
- V-7. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;
- A. They had observed the lives of the Apostles..
1. Their conduct was beyond reproach..
 2. Their testimony corresponded with their lives.
- V-8. Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:
- A. When contributions were made for furtherance of kingdom, they did not squandered it.
- B. They conscientiously used funds for promotion of kingdom.
1. Their fervency, consistency were prominently known by all.
 2. They did not want an accusing finger pointed toward them,
 - a. As no good loafers..etc.
- V-9. Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us.
- A. They could have made their own choice in vocation..
- B. They could have been careless, reckless.
1. Did not want gospel to be hindered..
 2. To get others to see light of gospel was worth it while.
- V-10. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
- A. This is common today with our social set-up.. men work a while, draw compensation, need not work.
- B. I think a labour is worthy of his hire.
1. A man should be paid according to his industry.
 2. It would seem contrary to have men eating when not earning no effort put-forth, or made.
- V-11. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, not working at all, but are busybodies.
- A. Seems to be the order of the day..no work, time to mind other people business.
- B. Some in church doing nothing at all, criticising, no commending
1. They were not drunkards, harlots, just idlers..
 2. Industry is our particular calling.. no place for drones
- C. If we are idle, the devil and a corrupt heart will find us somethings to do..
1. The mind of man is a busy thing..if it be not employed is doing good, it will be doing evil..
 2. Busybodies are disorderly walking among church
- V-12. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our L.J.C. that with guitness they work, and eat their own bread.
- A. This is a direct command from God.
1. Arouse from idleness to industry.
 2. Maintain silence, let he become a fool.
 3. His bread eaten with thanksgiving.
- V-13. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
- A. Our labours are not in vain.
 - B. Our holy conduct, and diligence in labour no overlooked.
 - C. Our job should be centered on others.. well-doing.
- V-14. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.
- A. Avoid their company...withdraw from them..
 - B. But first, we are to admonish him in a friendly manner.
 - C. Avoid familiar converse or society with such:
 1. That we may not learn his ways.
 2. That they might be ashamed...and thus reform..
- V-15. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother:
- A. We should always strive with them, but not copy their ways.
 - B. Treat him as a brother, for in so doing there is a possibility that he may see folly of his ways.
 1. An enemy: at variance.. vicious, liable to sin, etc.
- V-16. Now the Lord of peace himself, give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.
- A. We have the apostle benediction and prayer.
 - B. First, having peace with God, then among brethren..
 - C. The Lord's constant presence.
- V-17. The salvation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every Epistle; so I write.
- A. This is an expression of his desire for his people.
1. This he briefly gives an account of.
 2. He personally addresses his people.
 3. Then, makes known his wishes.
- V-18. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
- A. The closing remarks of his epistle.. His blessing upon all of his faithful followers..
 - B. He is impartial in his blessing.
- May this Epistle be a means of opening our spiritual eyes, in order to help us in our own spiritual battles, and struggles. We need all of the encouragements we can get.

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