

The Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the congregation 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 are obligated to always give thanks to God for you, brothers, as it is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, we ourselves boast about you in the congregations of God concerning your perseverance and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring, ⁵*which is* a clear indication of the righteous judgment of God: that you are counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also are suffering. ⁶For indeed, it is a righteous thing with God to repay with affliction those who are afflicting you, ⁷and to you who are being afflicted *to grant* relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven, with his powerful angels, in flaming fire, ⁸inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will pay the

penalty: cut off forever from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his strength, ¹⁰when he comes to be glorified by his holy *ones*, and to be marveled at by all those who believed (*this includes you* because our testimony to you was believed) in that day.

¹¹And in view of this we always pray for you, that our God will count you worthy of *your* calling and fulfill every desire for goodness and *every* work of faith, by *his* power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken from your *state of mind*, nor be troubled; either by a spirit, or by a word, or by a letter as *if* from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Do not let any man deceive you by any means, for *it will not be*, except the apostasy come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴he who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he sits in the sanctuary of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I use to tell you these things?

⁶And you know what is now holding *him* back, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. ⁷For the sacred secret of lawlessness is already at work, only *there is* one now holding *things* back until taken out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the spirit from his mouth, and bring to nothing *his operations* by the *glorious* appearance of his coming. ⁹The coming of *the lawless one* is in accord with the working of the Adversary with all kinds of power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with every kind of unrighteous deception for those who are destroying themselves because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. ¹¹And because of this God sends them a deluding influence, so that they will believe a lie, ¹²in order that they all will be judged who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

¹³But we are obligated to give thanks to God always for you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, by sanctification by *the* spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴to which he called you through our Good News, for your obtaining the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm, and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us,

whether by spoken word or letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and by grace gave us Age-abiding encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage and establish your hearts in every good work and word.

3 Finally, brothers, pray for us, in order that the word of the Lord may continue to run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it did* among you, ²and *pray* in order that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked people, for not everyone has faith. ³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the wicked *one*. ⁴And we have confidence concerning you in the Lord, that you both are doing and will *continue to* do the things that we are commanding. ⁵Now may the Lord guide your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who walks disorderly, and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how it is necessary to imitate us. For we were not disorderly among you, ⁸neither did we eat bread from anyone without paying *for it*, but in labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day, in order not to burden any of you. ⁹Not because we do not have

authority, but that we might give ourselves as a pattern for you to imitate us. ¹⁰And indeed, when we were with you we used to give you this command: “If anyone is not willing to work, neither let him eat.”

¹¹For we hear that some among you are walking disorderly, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now we *who are* in the Lord Jesus Christ command and exhort such people to be busy working in a quiet fashion, *and* to eat their own bread.

¹³But as for you, brothers, do not grow weary doing what is right.

¹⁴But if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.

¹⁵And *yet* do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

¹⁷This greeting is in my own hand, Paul. This is the sign *of genuineness* in every letter; this is the way I write. ¹⁸*The* grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.

