

1 Thessalonians - KJV

Greetings

1Th 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus [Timothy], unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

1Th 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing

- your work of faith,
- and labour of love,
- and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1Th 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

The Gospel is not just words of persuasion

1Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also

- in power,
- and in the Holy Ghost [Spirit],
- and in much assurance;

as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1Th 1:6 And ye became followers [imitators] of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost [Spirit]:

1Th 1:7 So that ye were ensamples [examples] to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

A Good Reputation

1Th 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

1Th 1:9 For they themselves shew of us

- what manner of entering in [reception] we had unto[with] you,
- and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;
- **1Th 1:10** And to wait for his Son from heaven,
 - whom he raised from the dead,
 - even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Boldness

1Th 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

1Th 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

Not Self-Seeking

1Th 2:3 For our exhortation was not of

- deceit,
- nor of uncleanness,
- nor in guile:

1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak;

- not as pleasing men,
- but God, which trieth our hearts.

1Th 2:5 For

- neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know,
- nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

- 1Th 2:6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome [we had the power to assert our authority - Amplified Bible], as the apostles of **Christ**.

Gentleness, Giving your own life to others

1Th 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

1Th 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not **the gospel** of **God** only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

Blameless, Imposing No Burden

1Th 2:9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable [a burden] unto any of you, we preached unto you **the gospel** of **God**.

1Th 2:10 Ye *are* witnesses, and **God** *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

Exhortation and Encouragement

1Th 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children,

1Th 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of **God**, who hath called you unto **his kingdom** and glory.

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we **God** without ceasing, because, when ye received **the word of God** which ye heard of us,

ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God**, which *effectually worketh also in you that believe*.

Fellowship in Sufferings

1Th 2:14 For ye, brethren, became followers of **the churches of God which in Judaea** are in **Christ Jesus**:

for ye also have suffered like things of **your own countrymen**,

even as they *have* of **the Jews**:

- 1Th 2:15 Who both killed the **Lord Jesus**, and **their own prophets**,
- and have persecuted us;
- and they please not **God**, and are contrary to all men:
- 1Th 2:16 Forbidding us to speak to **the Gentiles** that they might be saved,

to [with the result that they] fill up {the measure of} their sins alway: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost**.

We missed seeing you

1Th 2:17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart,

were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. (NASV)	endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. (KJV)
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1Th 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but **Satan hindered us**.

1Th 2:19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our **Lord Jesus Christ at his coming**?

1Th 2:20 For ye are our glory and joy.

Advance notice given that suffering will come

1Th 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at **Athens** alone;

1Th 3:2 And sent **Timotheus [Timothy]**, our brother, and minister of **God**, and our fellowlabourer in **the gospel** of **Christ**, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

1Th 3:3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions:

for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto [we have been destined for this].

1Th 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

Thessalonian Church overcame temptation to fall away when Afflicted

1Th 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest

- by some means the tempter have tempted you,
- and our labour be in vain.

1Th 3:6 But now when Timotheus [Timothy] came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of

- your faith and charity,
- and that ye have good remembrance of us always,
- desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see* you:

1Th 3:7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

1Th 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the **Lord**.

You are our joy

1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we render to **God** again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our **God**;

1Th 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Our desire for you

1Th 3:11 Now **God** himself and our **Father**, and our **Lord Jesus Christ**, direct our way unto you.

1Th 3:12 And the **Lord** make you to increase and abound in love

- one toward another,
- and toward all *men*,
- even as we *do* toward you:

1Th 3:13 To the end **he** may stablish [establish] **your hearts unblameable in holiness** before **God**, even our **Father**, at **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with **all his saints**.

Abstain from Fornication

1Th 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the **Lord Jesus**, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please **God**, {(just as you actually do walk), -NASV} *so* ye would abound more and more.

1Th 4:2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the **Lord Jesus**.

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of **God**, *even* your sanctification,

- that ye should abstain from **fornication**:
- 1Th 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- 1Th 4:5 Not in **the lust of concupiscence** [passion], even as the Gentiles which know not **God**;
- 1Th 4:6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter:

because that the **Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified**.

1Th 4:7 For **God** hath not called us unto **uncleanness**, but unto **holiness**.

1Th 4:8 **He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit**.

Continue to Love One Another

1Th 4:9 But as touching [concerning] brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of **God** to love one another.

1Th 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all **Macedonia**:

but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase [excel] more and more; 1Th 4:11 And that ye study

- to be quiet,
- and to do your own business,
- and to work with your own hands,

as we commanded you;

1Th 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

About those who have “fallen asleep” in Jesus

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that **Jesus died and rose again**, even so **them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him**.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by **the word of the Lord**, that **we which are alive and remain** unto **the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent [precede] **them which are asleep**.

1. 1Th 4:16 For **the Lord himself shall descend from heaven**

- with a shout,
- with the voice of the archangel,
- and with the trump of **God**:

2. and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**:

3. 1Th 4:17 Then **we which are alive and remain** shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet **the Lord** in the air:

and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Day of the Lord

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night**.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; **then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape**.

Be Alert and Sober

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 **Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day**; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1Th 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

1Th 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

1Th 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on

- the breastplate of **faith** and **love**; (Ephesians 6:14 - breastplate of righteousness)
- and for an helmet, the hope of **salvation**. (Eph 6:17)

1Th 5:9 For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain **salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ**,

1Th 5:10 **Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him**.

What it means to be a Christian

1Th 5:11 Wherefore

- comfort yourselves together,
- and edify one another,

even as also ye do.

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know [appreciate] them

- which labour among you,
- and are over you in the **Lord**,
- and admonish you;

1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

And be at peace among yourselves.

1Th 5:14

Now we exhort you, brethren,

- warn them that are unruly,
- comfort the feebleminded,

- support the weak,
- be patient toward all *men*.
- 1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
- 1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.
- 1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.
- 1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of **God** in **Christ Jesus** concerning you.
- 1Th 5:19 Quench not the **Spirit**.
- 1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.
- 1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- 1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Blessing

1Th 5:23 And the very **God** of peace sanctify you wholly;
and *I pray* **God** your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

1Th 5:24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

Closing

1Th 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

1Th 5:26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

1Th 5:27 I charge you by **the Lord** that this epistle [letter] be read unto all the holy brethren.

1Th 5:28 The **grace** of our **Lord Jesus Christ** *be* with you. Amen.