

2Thessalonians

Chapter 1

- ¶1. Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy. To the Assembly of the Thessalonians in God our Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ:
2. Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ¶3. We are compelled always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, for your faith is growing so wonderfully and the love of every one of you toward the other is so abundant
4. that we boast about you among the Assemblies of God because of your steadfastness and faith through all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure,
5. evidence of God's righteous judgment, that you may be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which indeed you are suffering,
6. inasmuch as it is a righteous thing for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
7. and to you who suffer affliction, rest along with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
8. in flaming fire meting out punishment to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus,
9. who will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his strength
10. in the day when he comes to be glorified in his saints and to be admired by all those who believe (because our testimony to you was believed).
11. For this, too, we always pray for you, that our God will judge you worthy of the calling, and fulfill *your* every desire for goodness and work of faith with power,
12. so that the name of our Lord Jesus might be glorified in you, and you in him, by the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

- ¶1. Now, brothers, as for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our being gathered together to him, we urge you
2. not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed by either a spirit, or a speech, or by a letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of Christ has come.
3. Let no one mislead you by any means. *That day will not come* except the Apostasy come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of destruction,
4. who opposes and exalts himself above everything called God or that is worshipped, so that he, as God, sits in God's temple representing himself that he is God.
5. Do you not remember that while I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6. And you know what is holding *it* back now, that he might be revealed in his appointed time.
7. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, only the one now holding *it* back *will continue* until he is out of the way,
8. and then, the lawless one shall be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth, and destroy with the appearance of his coming
9. him whose coming is by the work of Satan, with every miracle, and deceptive signs and wonders,
10. and with every unrighteous deceit among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11. And for that reason, God will send them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie,
12. so that they all might be damned who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in unrighteousness.
- ¶13. But we are compelled to give thanks to God always for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,
14. for which He called you by our gospel, so that *you* may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold fast the traditions you were taught, whether by word or by letter from us.
- ¶16. And may our Lord himself, Jesus Christ, and God, even our Father who loved us and gave *us* eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
17. comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Chapter 3

- ¶1. Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord will spread quickly and be honored, as *it is* among you,
2. and that we might be delivered from perverse and wicked men, for the faith is not for all men.
3. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and keep *you* from the evil one.
4. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that the things which we command you, you are both doing and will do.
5. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the patience of Christ.
- ¶6. Brothers, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you stay away from every brother who is living disorderly, and not according to the tradition which they received from us.
7. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we did not behave disorderly among you,

8. nor did we eat anyone's food without pay; on the contrary, in difficulty and hardship, we worked night and day so as not to be a burden to anyone among you –
9. not that we do not have the authority, but that we might make ourselves an example for you to follow.
10. Even when we were with you, we commanded this of you, that if anyone is unwilling to work, let him not eat.
11. For we hear *that* some among you are walking disorderly, never busy at work, but busybodies.
12. Those who are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that working quietly, they eat their own food!
13. But as for you, brothers, do not grow weary in well-doing.
14. And if anyone does not obey our word through this letter, mark that man, and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed;
15. yet, do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.
- ¶16. May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
- ¶17. The salutation of Paul by my own hand, which is the token in every letter; this is how I write.
18. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.