

DASV: Digital American Standard Version**DASV: 1 Thessalonians 1**

- ¹ From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy;
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.
- ² We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers.
- ³ We constantly remember before our God and Father, your work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ We know, brothers, beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵ because our gospel did not come to you merely in words, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit with full assurance. You know what kind of people we showed ourselves to be for your sake.
- ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in great affliction, yet with the joy of the Holy Spirit.
- ⁷ So you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia.
- ⁸ For the word of the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we do not need to say anything.
- ⁹ For people everywhere report how you welcomed us, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, the one who rescues us from the wrath to come.

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- ¹ For yourselves know brothers about our coming to you, that it was not in vain.
- ² But although we suffered before and were shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you well know, we had courage in our God to speak the gospel of God to you in spite of great opposition.
- ³ For our appeal does not come from error, impure motives or deceit,
- ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak it; not to please people but God, who examines our hearts.
- ⁵ For we never came using flattering words as you well know, nor with a hidden agenda of greed, God is our witness.
- ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, neither from you nor from others,
- ⁷ though we could have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. Instead, we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother who tenderly cares for her own children.
- ⁸ So with such affection for you, we were delighted to impart to you, not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you had become so dear to us.
- ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil, we preached to you the gospel of God working night and day, that we might not burden any of you.
- ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, how holy, righteous and blameless our conduct was toward you who believe.
- ¹¹ As you well know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his own children,
- ¹² pleading and encouraging you, and challenging you to the end that you should walk worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- ¹³ And for this we also constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works in you who believe.
- ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Christ Jesus which are in Judea; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Jews.
- ¹⁵ They both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us. They displeased God, and opposed everyone.
- ¹⁶ They forbid us from speaking to the Gentiles that they may be saved. So they constantly piled up their sins but God's wrath has caught up to them at last.
- ¹⁷ But we, brothers, being separated from you for a little while--in person not in heart, became even more fervent in our desire to see your face.
- ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you. I, Paul, tried over and over again, but Satan hindered us.
- ¹⁹ For who is our hope, joy, and crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?
- ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy!

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¹ So when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay behind at Athens alone.

² We sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen you, and encourage you in your faith,

³ that no one be shaken by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for them.

⁴ For in fact even when we were with you, we told you ahead of time that we would suffer affliction; and so it has happened as you know full well.

⁵ So when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you, and our effort should prove to have been wasted.

⁶ But now Timothy has come to us from you, and given us good news about your faith and love, and that you constantly have good memories of us, longing to see us, just as we also long to see you.

⁷ For this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction, we were comforted about you because of your faith.

⁸ For now we are alive again, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

⁹ For how can we thank God enough for you, for all the joy we feel for your sakes before our God.

¹⁰ Night and day we pray earnestly that we may see you face to face, and fill up anything that is missing in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you.

¹² May the Lord make you grow and overflow in love for one another, and for all men, just as we do for you.

¹³ May he strengthen your hearts, blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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¹ Finally brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received instruction from us on how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are in fact living -- that you do so more and more.

² For you know what we taught you from the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is God's will: that you be holy and abstain from sexual immorality,

⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

⁶ In this issue one should not cheat or wrong his brother, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we also told and warned you before.

⁷ For God did not call us to impurity, but to holiness.

⁸ Therefore the one who rejects this, does not reject human instruction, but God's, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love, you do not need anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

¹⁰ Indeed you show it toward all the brothers who are throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, that you do so more and more.

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your hands, just as we instructed you.

¹² Then you can live properly before outsiders, and will not be dependent on anyone.

¹³ But we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep; so you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then those who are fallen asleep in Jesus, God will bring with him.

¹⁵ For we tell you this by the authority of the word of the Lord, that we who are left alive when the Lord comes, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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- ¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you do not need to have anything written to you.
- ² For yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.
- ³ When they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. There will be no way to escape.
- ⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
- ⁵ For you are all sons of light, and sons of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us stay alert and be sober.
- ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep in the night and those who are get drunk are drunk at night.
- ⁸ But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- ⁹ For God did not destine us for wrath, but for the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we should live together with him.
- ¹¹ Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you already do.
- ¹² But we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you.
- ¹³ Esteem them most highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.
- ¹⁴ We urge you, brothers, admonish the lazy, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all.
- ¹⁵ See that no one repays evil for evil; but always pursue that which is good for one another, and for all.
- ¹⁶ Rejoice always,
- ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,
- ¹⁸ in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁹ Do not extinguish the Spirit.
- ²⁰ Do not despise the prophetic word.
- ²¹ But test everything, hang on to that which is good.
- ²² Stay away from every type of evil.
- ²³ Now may the God of peace himself make you completely holy. May your spirit, soul and body be kept totally blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁴ Faithful is he who calls you, and he who will do it.
- ²⁵ Brothers, pray for us.
- ²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.
- ²⁷ I command you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the brothers.
- ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.