

The Second Epistle of Paul to the
Thessalonians

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of *the* Thessalonians in God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Grace to you and peace from God ¹our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another aboundeth; 4 so that we *ourselves* glory in you in the churches of God for your ²patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; 5 *which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the *end* that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 if so be that *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, 7□and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with *the* angels of his power in flaming fire, 8 rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the ³gospel of our Lord Jesus: 9 who shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from *the* face of the Lord and from the glory of his strength, 10□when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day. 11□To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of the calling, and fulfil every ⁴desire of goodness and *every* work of faith, with power; 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now we beseech you, brethren, ⁵touching the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; 2 to the *end* that ye be not quickly shaken from *your* mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is come; 3 let no man beguile you in any wise: for *it will not be*, except the falling away come first, and ⁶the man of lawlessness be revealed, the son of ⁷perdition, 4 he that opposeth and exalteth

¹ So SA I 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa} arm vg. B 1739 33 read *the* Father

² Or, steadfastness And in ch. 3:5.

³ Gk. good tidings And in ch. 2:14. See marginal note on Mt 4:23.

⁴ Gk. good pleasure of goodness Compare Ro 10:1.

⁵ Gk. in behalf of or, about

⁶ So NB 1739 81 cop^{sa,bo} arm. A D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read the man of sin

⁷ Gk. apōleia, destruction, Cf. Rv 9:11.

himself against all that is called ⁸a god or ⁹that is worshipped; so that he¹⁰ sitteth in the ¹¹temple of God, setting himself forth as a god. 5 Remember ye not, that, when *I* was yet with you, I told you these things? 6□And now ye know that which restraineth, to the *end* that he may be revealed in his own season. 7□For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only *there is* one that restraineth now, until ¹²he cometh to be out of *its* midst. 8 And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord ¹³Jesus shall ¹⁴slay with the ¹⁵breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the ¹⁶appearing of his presence; 9 *even he*, whose presence is according to a working of Satan with all ¹⁷power and signs and wonders of a lie, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for *them that are* perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11□And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe the lie: 12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved in *the* Lord, for that God chose you ¹⁸a firstfruit unto salvation in sanctification of *the* spirit and ¹⁹belief of *the* truth: 14 whereunto he called you through our gospel, to *the* obtaining of *the* glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the ²⁰instructions which ye were taught, whether by word or by epistle of ours.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ *himself*, and God our Father who loved us and gave *us* eternal comfort and

⁸ First and third instances of the Greek word theos (θεος, god) lack the definite article (the); hence, a god [in contrast to the second instance]

⁹ Gk. an object of worship; Ac 17:23.

¹⁰ So NBA 1739 33 81 P cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. insert as God

¹¹ Or, sanctuary or, temple house

¹² Or, he be taken out of the way.

¹³ So SA 33 81 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. B 1739 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. omit Jesus

¹⁴ 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa,bo} read consume

¹⁵ Or, spirit or, wind

¹⁶ Or, brightness or, radiance (Gk. epiphaneia)

¹⁷ Or, power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁸ So B 1739 33 81 cop^{bo} vg. N and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa} arm read from the beginning

¹⁹ Or, faith

²⁰ Or, traditions Lit. detailed instructions handed down Also in ch. 3:6. As in 1Co 11:2, Gk. paradosis. Cf. Mt 15:2-6, Mk 7:3-13.

good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish *them* in every good work and word.

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also *it is* with you; 2 and that we may be delivered from aberrant and evil men; for ²¹all *have* not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and guard *you* from the ²²Evil *One*. 4 And we have confidence in *the* Lord touching you, that ye *both* do and will do the things which we command. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the ²³patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh ²⁴disorderly, and not after the instruction which ²⁵they received of us. 7□For *yourselves* know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; 8□neither did we eat bread for nothing from anyone, but in labor and hardship, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: 9 not because we have not *the* right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that ye should imitate us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. 11 For we hear *of* some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort in *the* Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13□But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. 14 And if any man obeyeth not our word by *this* epistle, note that man, that ye have no company with him, to *the* end that he may be ashamed. 15 And *yet* count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace *himself* give you peace at all times in every ²⁶way. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 The salutation of *me* Paul with mine *own* hand, which is *the* token in every epistle: so I write. 18□The□grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.²⁷

End of the Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

²¹ *Lit.* not of all *men is* the faith.

²² *Or,* evil.

²³ *Or,* steadfastness *as in* ch. 1:4.

²⁴ *Or,* idly, *Also in* vss. 7, 11.

²⁵ *So* NA 33 (1739 81 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.*) vg. B G arm *read* ye received

²⁶ A 33 D vg *read* place.

²⁷ *So* NB 1739 33 cop^{sa}. A 81 *and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop*^{bo} arm vg *add* Amen.