

## Spring 2022

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**Chapter 1**

(1) Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy,<sup>a</sup> to the church of the Thessalonians<sup>b</sup> *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace,<sup>c</sup> from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

(3) Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

(4) Knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God.

(5) Because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as you know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

(6) And you became our followers, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit:

(7) So that you were examples to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

(8) Because from you the word of the Lord was proclaimed not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith towards God is spread abroad; so that we do not need to say anything.

(9) Because they themselves show how we came to you, 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, *even* Jesus, Who delivered us from the wrath {anger; judgment} to come.

Session 2: Mar. 13, 2022 I Thes. 2:1-12  
Shared

**Chapter 2**

(1) Because you yourselves know, brothers, our coming to you, was not in vain:

(2) But even after we had suffered before, and were shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi,<sup>a</sup> we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God even amid much controversy.

(3) Because our encouragement *was* not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in trickery:

(4) But as we were allowed by God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, Who tries our hearts.

(5) Because never at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness {greed};<sup>b</sup> God *is* witness:

(6) Nor did we seek praise of men, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been a burden to you, as the apostles of Christ.

1:1a – Timothy – Acts 16:1

1:1b – church of Thessalonians – Acts 17:1f

1:1c – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3;

II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2; Col. 1:2; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2;

II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

2:2a - Acts 16:12f

2:5b – covetousness – greed - wanting things that belong to others

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(7) But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children:

(8) So affectionately desiring you, we were willing to have imparted to you, not the gospel of God only, but also our very own souls, because you were dear to us.

(9) Because you remember, brothers, our labor and pain: we preached to you the gospel of God laboring night and day, because we did not want to be indebted to any of you.

(10) You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holy and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe:

(11) As you know how we encouraged and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his children,

(12) That you would walk worthy of God, Who has called you to His kingdom and glory.

Session 3: Mar. 20, 2022 I Thes. 2:13-20  
Response Required

(13) Also for this reason we thank God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectively works also in you who believe.

(14) Because you, brothers, became followers of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: because you also have suffered similar things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:

(15) Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God, and are contrary to all men:

(16) Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles {non-Jews} that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: because the wrath {anger; judgment} has come upon them completely.

(17) But we, brothers, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

(18) Therefore we would have come to you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

(19) Because what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is* it not you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

(20) Because you are our glory and joy.

**Chapter 3**

(1) Therefore when we could no longer wait, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

(2) And sent Timothy, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

(3) That no man should be moved because of these trials: because you yourselves know that we are appointed for this purpose.

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(4) Because truly, when we were with you, we told you before that we would suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and you know.  
 (5) For this reason, when I could no longer wait, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor was in vain.  
 (6) But now when Timothy came from you to us, and brought us good news of your faith and charity {love},<sup>a</sup> and that you have fond memories of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see* you:  
 (7) Therefore, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:  
 (8) Because now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.  
 (9) Because what thanks can we render to God again for you, because all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God;  
 (10) Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?  
 (11) Now may God Himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

(12) And may the Lord cause you to grow and abound in love towards one another, and towards all *men*, even as we *do* towards you:

(13) To the end He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming<sup>b</sup> of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Session 5: Apr. 3, 2022 I Thes. 4:1-12

Demonstrated

**Chapter 4**

(1) Furthermore then we urge you, brothers, and encourage *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you ought to live and to please God, so you would grow more and more.

(2) Because you know the commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

(3) Because this is the will of God, *even* your growing in sanctification {spiritual maturity},<sup>a</sup> that you should abstain from fornication {sex outside of marriage}:<sup>b</sup>

(4) That every one of you should know how to possess his body in purity and honor;

(5) Not in the passions of lust, as the Gentiles {non-Jews} who do not know God:

3:6a – charity – agape {αγαπην}– godly love – this love is not merely an emotion, but true godly love is love of action; therefore it is often translated as “charity” in the King James - see I Cor. 13:1

3:13b – coming – parousia {παρουσία} - coming with the saints - the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8

4:3a – sanctification – purification – growing in spiritual maturity

4:3b – fornication – having sex with someone you are not married to – see notes on Mat. 5:32; 15:19; Acts 15:20

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(6) That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because the Lord *is* the One Who takes vengeance on all such, as we also have warned you and told you ahead of time.<sup>c</sup>

(7) Because God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness.

(8) He therefore who despises {these commandments}, does not despise man, but God, Who has also given to us His Holy Spirit.

(9) But concerning brotherly love you do not need that I write to you: because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

(10) And indeed you do it towards all the brothers who are in all Macedonia: but we urge you, brothers, that you increase more and more;

(11) And that you study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

(12) That you may walk honestly towards those who are outside, and *that* you may not lack anything.

Session 6: Apr. 10, 2022 I Thes. 4:13-18  
Promised

(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, that you not sorrow, even as others who have no hope.

(14) Because if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus God will bring with Him.

(15) Because this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain to the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep.

(16) Because the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:<sup>d</sup>

(17) Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up<sup>e</sup> together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Session 8: Apr. 24, 2022 I Thes. 5:1-11  
Returning!

### Chapter 5

(1) But of the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that I write to you.

(2) Because you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord<sup>a</sup> so comes as a thief in the night.

(3) Because when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction will come upon them, as birth pains upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4:6c – The Lord avenges His children when they are wronged

4:16d – the rapture – see Ps. 47:5; Is. 26:19,20; I Cor. 15:51-52 - see note on I Cor. 1:8; 15:52  
– last trumpet – see [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#) – see also [Fulfilled Holy Days](#) at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

4:17e – caught up – ἀρπάζω {ἀρπάζω} – where we get “Rapture” from

5:2a -- the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8

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(4) But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.<sup>b</sup>

(5) You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

(6) Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*; but let us watch and be sober.

(7) Because those who sleep, sleep in the night; and those who get drunk get drunk in the night.

(8) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

(9) Because God has not appointed us to wrath {anger; judgment}, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

(10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

(11) Therefore comfort yourselves together, and encourage one another, even as you also do.

Session 9: May 1, 2022 I Thes. 5:12-24

Living

(12) And we urge you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

(13) And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

(14) Now we encourage you, brothers, warn those who are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient towards all *men*.

(15) See that no one renders evil for evil to any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

(16) Rejoice always.

(17) Pray without ceasing.

(18) In everything give thanks: because this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

(19) Do not quench the Spirit.

(20) Do not despise prophesies.

(21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

(22) Abstain from all appearances of evil.

(23) And the very God of peace sanctify you {make you clean and holy} completely; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(24) Faithful is He Who calls you, Who will also do *it*.

(25) Brothers, pray for us.

(26) Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

(27) I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

(28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen {Let it be}.

5:4b – Note the emphasis on the pronouns – they, they, you, you. The Day of the Lord comes suddenly upon unbelievers and they are caught off guard – but believers will not be caught off guard.



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**Chapter 1**

(1) Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians<sup>a</sup> in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
 (2) Grace to you, and peace,<sup>b</sup> from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
 (3) We are bound to thank God always for you, brothers, as it is appropriate, because your faith is growing exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all towards each other abounds;  
 (4) So that we ourselves boast in you in the churches of God because of your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure:  
 (5) *Which* is revealed as a token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer:  
 (6) Since *it is* a righteous thing with God to reward tribulation to those who trouble you;  
 (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,<sup>c</sup>  
 (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

(9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;  
 (10) When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all those who believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.  
 (11) Therefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness, and the work of faith with power:  
 (12) That the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Session 11: May 15, 2022 II Thes. 2:1-12

Observing

**Chapter 2**

(1) Now we urge {ask; encourage} you, brothers, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together to Him,  
 (2) That you not be soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ<sup>a</sup> is at hand.

1:1a – church of Thessalonica – Acts 17:1f

1:2b – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thes. 1:1; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4; Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

1:7c - the day of Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8

2:2a - the Day of Christ - i.e. the day of the Rapture - see 2:1 - see note on I Cor. 1:8; Is. 26:20



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(3) Let no man deceive you by any means: because *that day shall not come*, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition;

(4) Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, displaying himself as God.<sup>b</sup>

(5) Do you not remember, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

(6) And now you know who restrains him that he might be revealed in his time.

(7) Because the mystery of sin is already at work: only he who now restrains *will restrain*,<sup>c</sup> until he is taken out of the way.

(8) And then that Wicked {*one*} shall be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

(9) *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

(10) And with all deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish; because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this reason God shall send upon them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:<sup>d</sup>

(12) That they all might be damned who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.<sup>e</sup>

Session 12: May 22, 2022 II Thes. 2:13-3:5 Praying

(13) But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, beloved brothers of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through purification<sup>f</sup> of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

(14) To which He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(15) Therefore, brothers, stand fast, and hold on to the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or our letter.

2:4b - Dan. 7:2; 8:12-25; Mat. 24:15; Mark 13:14 - note the man of sin will be revealed before the Rapture – Note that the end of the verse and the next verse describes who this man is. We are not told that we will see him in the temple.

2:7c - "he who now restrains .. until he is taken out of the way" - there is some question as to who this individual is who is restraining the man of sin [i.e. the antichrist] -- It could be the Holy Spirit Who may be removed in the present sense from the earth at the time of the Rapture. It is also possible that Michael or another angel is preventing the antichrist from his reign until his time has come to reign. Traditionally many have believed that it was some governing official or the pope. Whoever it is, will cease to restrain the antichrist when it is the proper time.

2:11d – believe a lie – Rev. 12:9; 13:14; 16:14

2:12e - Rom. 1:18-32

2:13f – sanctification – purification, growing in spiritual maturity

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(16) Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, Who has loved us, and has given *us* everlasting comfort and good hope through grace,  
(17) Comfort your hearts, and establish yourselves in every good word and work.

**Chapter 3**

(1) Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:  
(2) And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: because all *men* do not have faith.  
(3) But the Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you, and keep *you* from evil.  
(4) And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things which we command you.  
(5) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Session 13: May 29, 2022    II Thes. 3:6-15

**Waiting**

(6) Now we command you, brothers, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received from us.  
(7) Because you yourselves know how you ought to follow us: because we did not behave disorderly among you;

(8) Neither did we eat any man's bread for anything; but worked with labor and pain night and day, that we might not be indebted to any of you:

(9) Not because we did not have the right to, but to make ourselves an example to you to follow us.

(10) Because even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.<sup>a</sup>

(11) Because we hear that there are some who walk among you disorderly, not working at all, but are busybodies.

(12) Now those who are such we command and encourage by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

(13) But you, brothers, do not be weary in well doing.

(14) And if any man does not obey our word by this letter, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

(15) Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

(16) Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

(17) The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is the token in every letter: I write.

(18) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen {let it be}.

3:10a – if a person is able to work but unwilling to work, we are not allowed to provide for him



**{40} Matthew**

(65) Pilate said to them, You have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as you can.

(66) So they went, and made the tomb sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

**Chapter 28**

(1) At the end of the sabbath {Saturday},<sup>a</sup> as it began to dawn towards the first *day* of the week {Nisan 17; Mar.-Apr.} {1/17/4071 A.H./C-29 A.D.} that is Sunday,<sup>b</sup> Mary Magdalene<sup>c</sup> came and the other Mary to see the tomb.

(2) And, there was a great earthquake: because the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

(3) His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow:

(4) And because of their fear of him the keepers shook, and became as dead *men*.

(5) And the angel spoke and said to the women, **Do not be afraid: I know that you seek Jesus, Who was crucified.**

(6) **He is not here: because He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

(7) **And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and, indeed, He goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him: indeed, I have told you.**

(8) And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy; and ran to bring His disciples word.

(9) And as they went to tell His disciples, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail.** And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshiped Him.

(10) Then Jesus said to them, **Do not be afraid: go tell My brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they shall see Me.**

(11) Now when they were going, some of the watch came into the city, and told to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

(12) And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large amount of money to the soldiers,

(13) Saying, You say, His disciples came by night, and stole Him *away* while we slept.

28:1a - sabbath - seventh day of the week - see Gen. 2:2-3 - the first day of the week is Sunday. The early church usually met on Sunday- see I Cor. 16:2 - Easter and Biblical Pentecost are always on Sunday – see Lev. 23:11-16.

28:1b - first day of the week after the sabbath after the Passover - Lev. 23:11 – First Fruits Offering – Easter - 483 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem – end of Daniel's 69 – 7's of years [4071 A.H./C-29 A.D.] - See: Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

28:1c - Mary Magdalene – Mary – Mk. 16:1; Lk. 8:2-3; 24:10; Jn. 20:1

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(14) And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

(15) So they took the money, and did as they were told: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

(16) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

(17) And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him: but doubted.<sup>d</sup>

(18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth.**

(19) **You go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:**

(20) **Teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you: and, indeed, I am with you always, *even* until the end of the world. Amen {let it be}.**

28:17d – John 20:24-31