

LETTERS TO THE Thessalonians

WHO BELIEVE. 8 FOR FROM THE WORD OF THE LORD
DED FORTH, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT
EVERY PLACE. YOUR FAITH TOWARD GOD HAS GONE OUT,
WE DO NOT NEED TO SAY ANYTHING. 9 FOR THEY
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YOU, AND HOW YOU TURNED TO GOD FROM IDOLS TO SERVE
NG AND TRUE GOD, 10 AND TO WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM
WHOM HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, EVEN JESUS WHO
US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.

SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY,

CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD THE FATHER AND
JESUS CHRIST:

AND PEACE {A}FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD
CHRIST.

GOOD EXAMPLE

WE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION
IN OUR PRAYERS, 3 REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR

FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE IN OUR
SUS CHRIST IN THE SIGHT OF OUR GOD AND FATHER, 4

BELOVED BRETHREN, YOUR ELECTION BY GOD. 5 FOR OUR
DID NOT COME TO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER,
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE, AS YOU KNOW

OF MEN WE WERE AMONG YOU FOR YOUR SAKE. 6 BECAUSE
I BECAME FOLLOWER OF YOU AND OF THE LORD, HAVING

THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH JOY OF THE HOLY
7 SO THAT YOU BECAME EXAMPLES TO ALL IN MACEDONIA

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YOU INTO HIS OWN KINGDOM AND GLORY.

THEIR CONVERSION

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BECAUSE WHEN YOU RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YOU

2 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, BRETHREN, THAT OUR
YOU WAS NOT IN VAIN. 2 BUT {A}EVEN AFTER WE HAD S

BEFORE AND WERE SPITEFULLY TREATED AT PHILIPPI,
KNOW, WE WERE BOLD IN OUR GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU THE

OF GOD IN MUCH CONFLICT. 3 FOR OUR EXHORTATION DID NOT
FROM ERROR OR UNCLEANNESS, NOR WAS IT IN DECEIT.

4 BUT AS WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY GOD TO BE ENTRUSTED
THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK, NOT AS PLEASING MEN,
WHO TESTS OUR HEARTS. 5 FOR NEITHER AT ANY TIME DID

FLATTERING WORDS, AS YOU KNOW, NOR A {B}CLOAK OF
COVETOUSNESS—GOD IS WITNESS. 6 NOR DID WE SEEK GLO

RY, EITHER FROM YOU OR FROM OTHERS, WHEN WE MIGHT
MADE DEMANDS AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST. 7 BUT WE WERE
AMONG YOU, JUST AS A NURSING MOTHER CHERISHES HER

CHILDREN. 8 SO, AFFECTIONATELY LONGING FOR YOU, WE
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BUT ALSO OUR OWN LIVES, BECAUSE YOU HAD BECOME DEAR

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WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

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THE GOSPEL STILL CHANGES "THE ONE" (1 THESS. 2:1-6)

SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

ICEBREAKER

THIS WEEKEND WAS MOTHER'S DAY. DO YOU HAVE A MOTHER'S DAY TRADITION WITH YOUR FAMILY?



THERE'S A PRICE TO BE PAID TO REACH "THE ONE" (1 THESS. 2:1-2)

- *Pastor Mike asked us to think of our "one more" and then he prayed over us as a congregation. Who is the "one more" that you are praying for?*
- *What was the "price paid" by Paul, Timothy, and Silas for sharing the gospel? How does that compare with what it costs us to share the gospel today? What price are you willing to pay? Where do you draw the line and why?*
- *People may hate what God is doing through your testimony and they will oppose you. Still, God wants you to pay that price. In fact, the person opposing you might just be "the one" who needs to hear it. How would you feel if the worst enemy you have was "the one" who needs to hear your testimony of Jesus? Would it change your delivery?*

A PURE HEART GOES A LONG WAY (1 THESS. 2:3-8)

- *We should speak, not to please people, but to please God. How do you keep a pure heart and obey God while sharing His gospel?*
- *Sharing the gospel is less effective when delivered with a beatdown of why they're wrong and need to change. How do you share the gospel with love and gentleness and keep from being a jerk in your delivery?*
- *Are you an example of Christ that people want to follow? Or, is your behavior repelling those you should be leading to Him?*

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LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

WE WORK HARD TO PROMOTE THE GOSPEL (1 THESS. 2:9-12)

- *Sharing the gospel with others should be a burden to us, so it is not a burden to those we share it with. This is why we built the Tiny Town campus and support other churches. Where have you toiled in order to make the gospel available to the one who needs it? What motivated you to do this?*
- *1 Thess 2:11 says that as a father deals with his own children, we need to be encouraging, comforting, and urging those we share the gospel with to lead lives worthy of God. How do we do that without harsh words or verbal beatings?*

THE WORD OF GOD STILL CHANGES LIVES (1 THESS. 2:13)

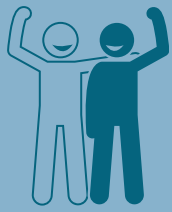
- *The very first thing the Devil did in Genesis 3 was to question God's word. People who hate God still do this when we share the gospel with them. How have you seen this happen in your life? How do you respond?*
- *The Word of God is what changes lives, not us. While our stories and testimonies might provoke interest, how then do you transition into sharing the gospel?*
- *How is God's Word working in you? How do you show this to those around you?*

THE DEVIL OPPOSES WHAT GOD IS DOING FOR "THE ONE" (1 THESS. 2:14-16)

- *When you start sharing the gospel, it's like kicking a fire ant hill or throwing a rock at a hornet's nest. The enemy will rise up and attack. How do you respond when spiritual warfare and resistance swells up in response to your working for God?*
- *If you're doing something great for God, the enemy will notice and rise up against you. Do you see this in your life? If so, share it with the group.*

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Be encouraged, God is with you! God is way bigger than the dumb old devil. For us Christian's, he's all bark and no bite. YOU have authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and all the power of the devil! You are victorious over the devil all the time! Do not fear. Keep going. God will supply for you. God will provide for you. God will protect you. God will use you!



ASK

There is a price to pay to reach the one more. Whether that's your job, your time, your freedom - are you willing to pay the price?



CHALLENGE

Your challenge this week - Live a life of purity and honesty before others. Live a life that is full and worthy of the Gospel! Pray for and invite ONE MORE to know Jesus this week, this month, this year. Trust the power of God's word to change lives and to change people.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us here today, so that we can be blessed by Your Word. Lord, we know there is a price to be paid to reach the "one more" and we are willing to pay it. We pray that You will instill in us a pure heart, so that we may deliver Your gospel in a way that it can be heard. We pray that You will give us the strength to endure as we work to promote The Gospel. Lord, we know that The Gospel changes lives. And finally, we pray that You will strengthen us and give us the words to say when the enemy notices our testimony of You and all You've done for us. We thank You and praise You, in the holy name of Jesus. AMEN!