

LETTERS TO THE Thessalonians

WHO BELIEVE. 8 FOR FROM YOU THE WORD OF THE LORD
WENT FORTH, NOT ONLY IN MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA, BUT
IN EVERY PLACE. YOUR FAITH TOWARD GOD HAS GONE OUT,
AND WE DO NOT NEED TO SAY ANYTHING. 9 FOR THEY
ALREADY DECLARE CONCERNING US WHAT MANNER OF ENTRY WE
HAD 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
HEAVEN SENT US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.

SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY,

TO THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD THE FATHER AND
THE SON OF HIS ONLY-BORN SON, JESUS CHRIST:

GRACE AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST.

WE ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD EXAMPLE

AND THE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION
OF US IN OUR PRAYERS, 3 REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR

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

TO OUR BELOVED BRETHREN, YOUR ELECTION BY GOD. 5 FOR OUR
PURPOSE WAS NOT TO COME TO YOU IN WORD ONLY, BUT ALSO IN POWER,

AND WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE, AS YOU KNOW
THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH JOY OF THE HOLY

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WEEK OF MAY 24, 2026

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A LIFE PLEASING TO GOD (1 THESS. 4:1-12)

SPEAKER: CAMPUS PASTORS

ICEBREAKER

HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY?



IT'S GOD'S WILL TO SHAPE US (VS. 1-2)

- *Healthy leadership often includes both praise AND correction. How has God shown you His will for you in the past? Were there both praise and correction in His will for you? How did you accept it?*
- *Who do you have in your life who is giving you Godly leadership? What do you look for when searching for Godly leadership?*
- *When you are the one displaying Godly leadership, are you more of a praiser or corrector to those you are leading? Why?*

IT'S GOD'S WILL FOR US TO LIVE HOLY (V. 3-8)

- *It is God's will for us to pursue holiness in a world that is pulling us in the opposite direction. In a world that normalizes sexual immorality, selfishness, lust, and idol worship, how do you resist the world and all of the unholiness it contains?*
- *Paul gave instructions on how to live a life of holiness that included avoiding sexual immorality, practicing self control, and to not transgress against others. Think of how well you have succeeded or failed in this. Why were you successful or why did you fail?*
- *Paul reminds them in v. 6 that sexual sin is never just personal. It impacts people around us. Reading this, how do you now feel about the sin in your past? How will you turn from that sin and toward God, so that what has happened to you doesn't define you?*
- *Many of us hide things from those around us, in order to appear more holy than we really are. If you can't tell the person next to you about something secret in your life, it's probably wrong. How do you surrender this to God and confess the sin?*

WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS

IT'S GOD'S WILL THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER (V. 9-10)

- *“Holiness without love is just legalism.” How do you remember to continue to act like Jesus, even AFTER you leave church Sunday morning and move into the rest of your week at home and at work?*
- *John 13:35 says, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” How can the people around you tell that you are a Disciple of Jesus?*
- *What behaviors have you displayed that do not go along with what Jesus said in John 13:35? How do you correct that?*

IT'S GOD'S WILL TO LIVE QUIET LIVES (V. 11-12)

- *Paul says in v.11, “...aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs...” Mature believers are not constantly pulled into outrage, drama, and chaos. We are to carry peace into panic, calm into confusion, and hope into chaos. Describe what living quietly and minding your own affairs in this chaotic world looks like.*
- *How does a mature believer know when to speak and when not to, and how do you apply this skill to your daily life?*
- *Paul goes on to say, “...work with your hands, as we instructed you...” This demonstrates that you're not just to be kind, but that you will serve and care for others. How have Christians served and cared for you? How do you do this for others?*

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

We know that believers aren't perfect. The difference is that when you know God, he begins to change what you desire, what satisfies us, and what defines us. God is sanctifying us, not sanitizing us. He didn't just save us to change where we spend eternity. He's changing who we are becoming right now to reflect His son Jesus.



ASK

We should be ready and willing to let Jesus shape us into His image. Will you keep living for yourself, or will you fully surrender your life to Jesus?



CHALLENGE

Don't live a lifestyle that doesn't reflect Jesus. Today God is saying, "Turn from your sins and come home". This is your moment to fully surrender your life to Jesus. Recommit your life to Him, stop playing games spiritually, stop living divided, and stop giving God partial obedience. Love and Trust Him and surrender your ALL to Him. Living in His presence daily.

PRAYER

God, I want all that You have for me. I want to know You. I want to live for You. I want to become who You're calling me to be. So today I say yes to You and no to sin. Fill me, Spirit, and make me new. Today I'm all in, and I'm all yours in Jesus name. Amen.