

LETTERS TO THE Thessalonians

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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
GAVE 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 THE GOOD EXAMPLE

WHICH YOU SET FOR US BY THANKING TO GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU ALL, MAKING MENTION

OF US IN YOUR PRAYERS, 3 REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR

FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE IN OUR

LOOKING FOR THE SON OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, IN THE SIGHT OF OUR GOD AND FATHER, 4

BELOVED BRETHREN, YOUR ELECTION BY GOD. 5 FOR OUR

GOAL 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

WHAT KIND OF MEN WE WERE AMONG YOU FOR YOUR SAKE.

FOR WE BECAME FOLLOWERS OF US AND OF THE LORD, HAVING

HEARD THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH JOY OF THE HOLY

SPIRIT, 7 SO THAT YOU BECAME EXAMPLES TO ALL IN MACEDONIA

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THEIR CONVERSION

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BECAUSE WHEN YOU RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YOU
HEARD, YOU WALKED AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, RECEIVING US WITH
JOY AND CALAMITY, 14 FOR YOU WALKED AS YOU WERE TAUGHT,
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2 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, BRETHREN, THAT OUR COMING
TO YOU WAS NOT IN VAIN. 2 BUT {A}EVEN AFTER WE HAD BEEN
WITH YOU BEFORE AND WERE SPITEFULLY TREATED AT PHILIPPI,

3 KNOW, WE WERE BOLD IN OUR GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU THE
GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN MUCH CONFLICT. 3 FOR OUR EXHORTATION DID NOT
COME FROM ERROR OR UNCLEANNESS, NOR WAS IT IN DECEIT.

4 BUT AS WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY GOD TO BE ENTRUSTED
WITH THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK, NOT AS PLEASING MEN,
BUT AS SERVING GOD WHO TESTS OUR HEARTS. 5 FOR NEITHER AT ANY TIME DID WE
USE FLATTERING WORDS, AS YOU KNOW, NOR A {B}CLOAK OF
NECESSITY OR COVETOUSNESS—GOD IS WITNESS. 6 NOR DID WE SEEK GLORY

FROM MEN, EITHER FROM YOU OR FROM OTHERS, WHEN WE MIGHT
HAVE MADE DEMANDS AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST. 7 BUT WE WERE
GENTLE AMONG YOU, JUST AS A NURSING MOTHER CHERISHES HER
CHILDREN. 8 SO, AFFECTIONATELY LONGING FOR YOU, WE WERE
WELL PLEASED TO IMPART TO YOU NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL OF GOD,
BUT ALSO OUR OWN LIVES, BECAUSE YOU HAD BECOME DEAR TO US.

9 FOR YOU REMEMBER, BRETHREN, OUR LABOR AND TOIL
LABORING NIGHT AND DAY, THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE A BURDEN
ON ANY OF YOU, WE PREACHED TO YOU THE GOSPEL OF GOD.

10 YOU ARE WITNESSES, AND GOD ALSO, HOW DEVOUTLY
AND JUSTLY AND BLAMELESSLY WE BEHAVED OURSELVES AMONG
YOU WHO BELIEVE; 11 AS YOU KNOW HOW WE EXHORTED, AND COMFORTED
AND {C}CHARGED EVERY ONE OF YOU, AS A FATHER DOES HIS

CHILDREN, 12 THAT YOU WOULD WALK WORTHY OF GOD WHO
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WE PRESS ON AND WE TRUST GOD, FOR ALL TIME

SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

ICEBREAKER



IF YOU COULD BECOME AN INSTANT EXPERT AT ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD!

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

- Pastor Mike said, "You can do hard things." Have you ever had to endure hard things because you knew the end result would be worth it? How did it change you?
- Is your faith growing abundantly and are you loving those around you more? How are you building your faith in God to choose to love people?
- Are you exhibiting steadfastness and faith in the persecutions and afflictions you're enduring? Would Paul brag about you? Why or why not?

GOD IS GOOD IN HARD TIMES, AND WILL BE GOOD FOR ALL TIMES

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

- Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5. God called YOU worthy! He is with you in both high and low times. How does that change your perspective?
- God considers it just to repay those who afflict you. It is easy to wish that on those who have wronged us, but how would you feel if those people found repentance and restoration instead? Why?
- Those who don't know the Lord and obey the gospel are the ones who need to be invited to church the most. Who do you know like this and how will you invite them this week?

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STAND IN THE TRUTH, EVEN IN CRAZY AND DECEIVING TIMES!

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- *You've likely received a scam email – did it fool you or maybe come close to doing so? That's what Paul is talking about here. How do you avoid being deceived?*
- *Many of us are living every day, full of bitterness or vengeance toward someone. How will you pray that the Holy Spirit will increase your faith in Him and your love for all people, that you will have a heart like God?*

ACT ON IT

ENCOURAGE



Regardless of the trials or afflictions we face, we are worthy of God's love and we can trust Him with all that we deal with in this life, and as believers, we should recall when God had compassion on us –

“let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:7-9)

We can hand our desire for vengeance to Him and rather focus on sharing the good news of the Gospel with people – even those who persecute us.

ACT ON IT

ASK



Are you (knowingly or unknowingly) harboring unforgiveness for someone in your past or present? Ask the Lord to reveal who that person may be and lay it all at His feet this week.

CHALLENGE



Pastor Mike said you can't glorify Christ if you won't talk about Him. Spend some time in prayer and ask God for the boldness to share what God has done in your life and the Gospel with one more person, this week.

PRAYER

God, thank you for being a good God and good Father, in whom we can trust in all times and every season, no matter how hard it is. We come with humble adoration! Thank you that you call us worthy and loved. We are so grateful that you are the king of kings and have called us to be your children. We ask to be equipped with every good and perfect thing you have to offer. Help us remain bold in truth even in these crazy and deceiving times, until the day of your return. May we not be deceived or distracted, but know that you will have the final say when you return. Help us to love others and point others towards you in the waiting. We love you! We thank you! In Jesus' name, AMEN!