

THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy;
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ;

²Grace and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

³We have to give thanks to God for you always, brethren; it
is only what you deserve; for your faith is growing more and
more, and the love of every one of you for one another is in-
creasing, ⁴so much that in the churches of God we ourselves
boast of your endurance and faith, in all the troubles and
difficulties you have to bear.

⁵This is a sign of the righteous judgement of God, that you
are to be worthy of the kingdom of God, for the sake of which
you are suffering; ⁶since it is just in God's eyes that he should
repay with trouble those that are troubling you, ⁷and give relief
to you that are being troubled, and to us, when the Lord Jesus
appears from heaven, together with the angels of his power, ⁸in
a flaming fire, to punish those that do not know God and those
that are disobedient to the good news of our Lord Jesus; ⁹they
shall pay the price, everlasting destruction, far from the face of
the Lord and the glory of his power, ¹⁰when he comes on that
day to be glorified in his holy people and to be wondered at in
all that have faith in him, because the witness that we bore to
you was believed. ¹¹For this reason we pray for you at all times,
that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and may by
his power perfect you in every good purpose and every work of

faith; ¹²so that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, brethren, and our gathering together to meet him, ²we beg you not to be so readily troubled in mind or disturbed; as though you had been told by us, either in the Spirit or by word or by letter, that the day of the Lord has already come; ³let no one mislead you in any way; for the great rebellion must first begin, and the man of sin appear, the lost soul, ⁴who shall oppose and lift himself up against every so-called god and every object of worship, seating himself in the temple of God and declaring himself to be God. ⁵Have you forgotten that, while I was still with you, I told you these things? ⁶So now you must understand what is holding him back, that he may appear at his own time. ⁷For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; ⁸but only until he that holds back the evil is taken out of the way; then indeed the lawless one will appear; but the Lord Jesus shall destroy him with the breath of his mouth, and bring him to nothing by his appearance when he comes. ⁹The coming of the lawless one shall be by the working of Satan, with every kind of false miracle, and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰and wicked tricks to deceive those that are on the road to destruction, since they refuse to love the truth by which they might have been saved; ¹¹therefore God shall send upon them a power to deceive them, so that they shall believe the lie, ¹²that all may be condemned who refuse to believe in the truth, and take delight in evil. ¹³But as for us, we have to give thanks to God at all times, brethren beloved of God, because God chose you as the first-fruits of his harvest, that you might be saved through the holiness which the Spirit gives and through faith in the truth; ¹⁴to this God called

you through our good news, that you may make the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ your own. ¹⁵Stand firm, therefore, brethren, and hold fast to the teaching delivered to you by us whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶And may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave us by his grace everlasting comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts, and make you stand firm in every good work and word.

3 And now, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and gloriously, as it did with you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men; for not all have faith. ³But the Lord can be trusted; he will make you stand firm and guard you from the evil one. ⁴In the Lord we are confident that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and the endurance of Christ.

⁶We command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to avoid any brother who is living a lazy life, not in accordance with the teaching they have received from us. ⁷You know yourselves that you ought to follow our example; ⁸for we were not lazy when we were with you; we did not take food from anyone without payment; on the contrary we worked hard, night and day, so as not to be a nuisance to any of you; ⁹not that we had not the right, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. ¹⁰For when we were with you, we gave you this rule: If any man is not willing to work, let him not eat either. ¹¹For we hear of some among you living a lazy life, with no business of their own, just busybodies. ¹²We command and beg all those in the Lord Jesus Christ to work at a trade quietly, and eat their own food. ¹³And you, my brethren, must never grow tired of doing right.

¹⁴If anyone refuses to obey our orders in this letter, note that man; have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed of himself; ¹⁵but do not consider him an enemy; warn him as a brother.

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

¹⁷This greeting is in my own hand, Paul's hand; this is my mark in all my letters; this is how I write.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.