2 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of
the Thessalonians in God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We ought always to thank God for you,
brothers and sisters, as is fitting, because your
faith is growing exceedingly and the love of
each and every one of you for one another is
increasing,
4 so that we ourselves boast about you in the
churches of God for your endurance and faith in
all the persecutions and afflictions you bear.
5 This is evidence of God's righteous judgment,
so that you may be counted worthy of the
kingdom of God, for which you also suffer,
6 since it is just with God to repay affliction to
those who afflict you,
7 and relief to you who are afflicted, together
with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from
heaven with his mighty angels
8 in flaming fire, bringing vengeance on those
who do not know God and those who do not
obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
9 They will pay the penalty of eternal
destruction, away from the presence of the Lord
and from the glory of his might,
10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in
his saints and marveled at among all who have

believed, because our testimony to you was
believed.
11 To this end we also pray always for you, that
our God may count you worthy of the calling
and fulfill with power every desire for goodness
and every work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be
glorified in you, and you in him, according to
the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him,
we ask you, brothers and sisters,
2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed,
whether through a spirit or a spoken word or a
letter supposedly from us, claiming that the day
of the Lord has already come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for that
day will not come unless the rebellion comes
first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the
son of destruction,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above
everything called a god or an object of worship,
so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,
presenting himself as God.
5 Do you not remember that while I was still
with you I kept telling you these things?
6 And now you know what restrains him, so
that he may be revealed at his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at
work; only the one who now restrains will do so
until he is out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed,
whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of
his mouth and bring to nothing by the
appearing of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to
the working of Satan, with all power and signs
and wonders of falsehood,
10 and with every unrighteous deception for
those who are perishing, because they did not
receive the love of the truth so that they might
be saved.
11 For this reason God sends them a powerful
delusion, so that they believe the lie,
12 so that all who did not believe the truth but
took pleasure in unrighteousness may be judged.

13 But we ought always to thank God for you,
brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because
God chose you as firstfruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in
the truth.
14 To this he called you through our gospel, to
obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and
hold fast to the traditions you were taught,
whether through a spoken word or through a
letter from us.

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God
our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal
comfort and good hope by grace,
17 comfort your hearts and strengthen you in
every good work and word.

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1 Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so
that the word of the Lord may run and be
glorified, just as it is among you,
2 and so that we may be rescued from perverse
and evil people, for not everyone has faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will
strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.
4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning
you, that you are doing and will continue to do
what we command.
5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love
of God and the endurance of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep
away from every brother who walks in an
undisciplined way and not according to the
tradition they received from us.
7 For you yourselves know how you ought to
imitate us, because we were not undisciplined
among you,
8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge.
Instead, in labor and toil we worked night and
day so as not to burden any of you,
9 not because we do not have the right, but to
give you an example in ourselves to imitate.
10 For even when we were with you, we
commanded you this: “If anyone is unwilling to
work, neither should he eat.”
11 For we hear that some among you walk in
an undisciplined way, doing no work but
meddling.

12 Such people we command and urge in the
Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and eat their
own bread.
13 But you, brothers and sisters, do not grow
weary in doing good.
14 If anyone does not obey our word in this
letter, take note of that person and do not
associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.
15 Do not consider him an enemy, but
admonish him as a brother.
16 May the Lord of peace himself give you
peace at all times in every way. The Lord be
with you all.
17 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand,
which is a sign in every letter. This is how I
write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all.

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