

# THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

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(Introversion and Alternation.)

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### INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

1. The church of the Thessalonians was planted by Paul, in association with Silas and Timothy (Acts 17. 1-9). Although some of the Jews believed, it was composed mainly of Gentiles, and their joyful reception of the message as the word of God was the prelude to active missionary operations in all Achaia and Macedonia (1. 8), a territory about as large as Great Britain. In this respect especially they were a model church. From them sounded forth "the word of the Lord", and they became examples to believers, showing the power of that word in their lives. The apostle writes in a joyful spirit, for he had just received from Timothy glad tidings of their faith and love (3. 6).

2. A large part of the Epistle is occupied with the doctrine of the Lord's coming, that coming which He Himself announced, Matt. 24. 36; 25. 31; 26. 64; *et al.*, the same coming of which He spoke in Acts 1. 7, "it is not for you to know the times and the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power". The similarity of Paul's language, concerning "the times and the seasons" (5. 1), bears instruction for us. Indeed throughout the Epistle the nearness of that coming is emphasized (1. 10; 2. 12, 19; 3. 13; 4. 13-18; 5. 1-11, 23). But, as has been well observed, that which draws near may withdraw also, and such we know to be the case, for owing to His people's rejection of the King and kingdom, the latter is in abeyance till the "times of the Gentiles" are ended. 1 and 2 Thessalonians are unique in many respects; e. g. *chronologically*, as well as *canonically* (see App. 180, 192); the use of special terms in relation to the coming (*parousia* and *epiphaneia*) of our Lord; for these see Notes. And they are the only Epistles addressed to a church specifically.

3. This Epistle is the earliest of the writings of Paul, having been sent out from Corinth about the end of 52 or the beginning of 53 A.D. Some hold that, of all the books of the New Testament, it was the first written.

4. Thessalonica, now Salonica, on the bay of the same name, has always been one of the busiest ports of the Aegean. It was the chief city of a division of Macedonia, and is said to have had a population of 200,000 at the beginning of our era. Much smaller now, the city has always had a large proportion of Jews among its inhabitants.

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

## TO THE

# THESSALONIANS.

**A** **1** °PAUL, and °Silvanus, and °Timotheus, °unto the °church of the °Thessalonians which is °in °God the °Father and in the °Lord °Jesus Christ: °Grace be °unto you, and peace, °from °God our °Father, and the °Lord °Jesus Christ.

**B A C a** **2** We °give thanks to °God °always °for you all, °making mention of you °in our °prayers;

**3** Remembering °without ceasing your work °of °faith, and labour °of °love, and patience °of hope °in our °Lord °Jesus Christ, in the sight of °God °and our °Father;

**4** °Knowing, brethren °beloved, your °election °of °God.

**b** **5** For our °gospel came °not °unto you °in °word only, but °also °in °power, and °in the °Holy Ghost, and °in much °assurance; as ye °know what manner of men we °were °among you °for your sake.

**c** **6** And we became °followers of us, and of the °Lord, having received the °word °in much °affliction, °with joy of the °Holy Ghost:

**7** So that ye °were °ensamples to all that °believe °in Macedonia and Achaia.

**8** For °from you °sounded out the °word of the °Lord °not only °in Macedonia and Achaia, but °also °in every place your °faith °to °Godward °is spread abroad; so that we need °not to °speak any thing.

**9** For they themselves °shew °of us what

**1. 1** Paul. In all his other Epistles, save Philip-  
pians, 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon, *apostolos* is added.  
He was held in terms of tender regard and affection  
by the converts at Philippi and Thessalonica, and  
there was no need to assert his authority.

**Silvanus.** Same as Silas. A leader of the church at  
Jerusalem (Acts 15. 22), and a prophet (v. 32), he accom-  
panied Paul on his second missionary journey, and  
took part in the founding of the churches of Mace-  
donia. Acts 15. 40-18. 18.

**Timotheus.** See 2 Cor. 1. 1.

unto=to.

church. Ap. 186.

**Thessalonians.** This and the Second Epistle are the  
only ones addressed in this form. Romans, Ephesians,  
Philippians and Colossians are addressed to "saints".  
The two Epistles to the Corinthians to "the church of  
God at Corinth", and Galatians to the "churches of  
Galatia".

in. Ap. 104. viii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

Father. Ap. 98. III.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

Grace. Ap. 184. I. 1. Cp. Rom. 1. 7.

from. Ap. 104. iv. This last clause is omitted in  
most texts.

**1. 2-3. 10** [For Structure see below].

**2** give thanks. Gr. *eucharisteō*. See Acts 27. 35.

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

making mention. See Rom. 1. 9.

in. Ap. 104. ix. 1.

prayers. Ap. 134. II. 2.

**1. 2-3. 10** (A, p. 1787). THANKSGIVING. NARRATION. APPEAL. (*Extended Alternation.*)

**B A C** **a** | 1. 2-4. Thanksgiving.

**b** | 1. 5. Reason. The Gospel received not in word but power.

**c** | 1. 6-9. Its effect.

**d** | 1. 10-. Believers wait for God's Son.

**e** | 1. -10. Deliverance from the wrath to come.

**D** | 2. 1-12. Paul and the brethren. Their teaching while present.

**C** **a** | 2. 13-. Thanksgiving.

**b** | 2. -13. Reason. The Gospel received as the word of God.

**c** | 2. 14. Its effect.

**d** | 2. 15, 16-. Unbelieving Jews killed God's Son.

**e** | 2. -16. Delivered to the wrath to come.

**D** | 2. 17-3. 10. Paul and the brethren. Their feelings while absent.

**3** without ceasing. Gr. *adiakēptos*. Only here, 2. 13; 5. 17. Rom. 1. 9. of = proceeding from. Gen.  
of origin. Ap. 17. 2; or, it may be Gen. of character. Ap. 17. 1, and would read "faithful work, loving labour,  
and hopeful patience". faith. Ap. 150. II. 1. love. Ap. 135. II. 1. Cp. 5. s. Col. 1. 4, s. Rev. 2. 4.  
in=of. Ap. 17. 5. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A. and=even. **4** Knowing. Ap. 132. I. i.  
beloved. Ap. 135. I. 1. election. Gr. *eklogē*. See Acts 9. 15. of. Ap. 104. xviii. 1. **5** gospel.  
Ap. 140. not. Ap. 105. I. unto. Ap. 104. vi. word. Ap. 121. 10. also, &c. = in power also.  
power. Ap. 172. 1. Holy Ghost = Divine power. Ap. 101. II. 14. assurance. Gr. *plerophoria*.  
See Col. 2. 2. were = became. among. Ap. 104. viii. 2. for your sake = on account of (Ap.  
104. v. 2) you. **6** followers = imitators. Gr. *mimētes*. See 1 Cor. 4. 16. affliction. Gr. *thlipsis*. See  
Acts 7. 10. with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. **7** ensamples. Gr. *tupos*. See Phil. 3. 17, and cp. 1 Tim. 4. 12. Tit. 2. 7.  
1 Pet. 5. 3. believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. i. **8** sounded out. Gr. *exēcheomai*. Only here. Cp. Luke 4. 37,  
and 1 Cor. 13. 1. also. The texts omit. to Godward = towards (Ap. 104. xv. 3) God. is spread  
abroad = has gone forth. not. Ap. 105. II. speak. Ap. 121. 7. **9** shew = report. of.  
Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

manner of °entering in we had °unto you, and how ye turned °to °God °from °idols to °serve °the living and °true °God;

d 10 And to °wait for His °Son °from °heaven, Whom He °raised °from the dead, even °Jesus,

e Which °delivered °us °from the °wrath to come.

D f 2 For yourselves, brethren, °know our °entrance in °unto you, that it was °not °in vain:

2 But even °after that we had °suffered before, and °were shamefully entreated, as ye °know, °at Philippi, we °were bold °in our °God to °speak °unto you the °gospel of °God °with much °contention.

g 3 For our °exhortation was °not °of deceit, °nor °of uncleanness, °nor °in °guile:

h 4 But as we were °allowed °of °God to °be put in trust with the °gospel, even so we °speak; °not as °pleasing °men,

i but °God, Which trieth our hearts.

5 For °neither at any time °used we °flattering °words, as ye °know, °nor a °cloak of covetousness, °God °is witness:

6 °Nor °of °men °sought we °glory, °neither °of you, °nor yet °of °others, °when we might have been °burdensome, as the °apostles of °Christ.

k 7 But we were °gentle °among you, even as a °nurse °cherisheth °her °children:

f 8 So being °affectionately desirous of you, we were °willing to have imparted °unto you, °not the °gospel of °God only, but °also our own souls, because ye were °dear unto us.

g 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and °travail: for labouring night and day, °because

h we would °not be chargeable unto °any of you, we °preached °unto you the °gospel of °God.

i 10 ¶*Ye* are witnesses, and °God also, how °holily and °justly and °unblameably we °behaved ourselves °among you that °believe:

k 11 As ye °know how we °exhorted and °comforted and °charged °every one of you, as a father doth his °children,

12 °That ye would walk worthy of °God, Who °hath °called you °unto °His °kingdom and °glory.

entering in. Gr. *eisodos*. See Acts 13. 24.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

to. Same as "unto", above.

idols. This shows that these converts were mainly Gentiles. The Jews were bitterly hostile. Acts 17. 4-6, 13.

serve. Ap. 190. III. 2.

the = a.

true. Ap. 175. 2.

10 wait for. Gr. *anamenō*. Only here in N.T. In Sept. of Job 7. 2. Isa. 59. 11. A much stronger word than *menō*, p. 1511.

Son. Ap. 108. iii. from. Ap. 104. vii.

heaven = the heavens. See Matt. 6. 9, 10.

raised. Ap. 178. I. 4.

from the dead. Ap. 139. 3, but with the texts, 139. 4.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

delivered = rescueth.

us. Paul and the brethren are intended, being Jews. See v. 9.

from. Ap. 104. iv, but texts read 104. vii.

wrath, &c. = the coming wrath. See 2. 16.

## 2. 1-12 (D. p. 1788). PAUL AND THE BRETHREN. THEIR TEACHING WHILE PRESENT. (Extended Alternation.)

D f | 1, 2. The Gospel of God imparted.

g | 3. Their exhortation; not of deceit.

h | 4-. Their preaching.

i | 4-6. God their witness.

k | 7. Comparison; as a nursing mother.

f | 8. The Gospel of God imparted.

g | 9-. Their labour; not to be chargeable.

h | 9-. Their preaching.

i | 10. God their witness.

k | 11, 12. Comparison; as a father.

2. 1 know. Ap. 132. I. i.

entrance in. See 1. 9.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

not. Ap. 105. I. in vain. See 3. 5.

2 after that we had = having.

suffered before. Gr. *propaschō*. Only here.

were, &c. = having been treated with contumely.

Gr. *hubrizō*. See Acts 14. 5. Referring to their being scourged, though Romans (Acts 16. 37, 38).

at. Ap. 104. viii.

were bold. Gr. *parrhēsiazomai*. See Acts 9. 27.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

speak. Ap. 121. 7.

gospel. Ap. 140.

with. Ap. 104. viii. In this one verse the preposition *en* is transl. "at", "in", "with".

contention. Gr. *agōn*. See Phil. 1. 30.

3 exhortation. Gr. *paraklēsis*. See Acts 4. 36, and Ap. 134. I. 6.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

nor. Gr. *oude*.

guile. Gr. *dolos*. See Acts 13. 10.

4 allowed = tested, and so approved. Gr. *dokimazō*.

Same as "trieth", and as "prove" (5. 21).

pleasing men. Cp. Gal. 1. 10.

men. Ap. 123. 1. 5 neither, nor. Gr. *oute*. used we. Lit. were (became) we in (Gr. *en*). flattering

words. Lit. a word (Ap. 121. 10) of flattery. cloak = pretence. Gr. *prophasis*. See Acts 27. 30. 6 Nor.

Gr. *oute*. sought we = seeking. glory. See p. 1511. of. Ap. 104. iv. others. Ap. 124. 1.

when, &c. = though able to be. burdensome. Lit. in (Gr. *en*) a burden, i. e. for a burden. Gr. *baros*.

See Acts 15. 28. Cp. v. 9. apostles. Ap. 189. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. 7 gentle. Gr. *epios*. Only here

and 2 Tim. 2. 24. among = in (Gr. *en*) the midst of. nurse. Gr. *trophos*. Only here. cherisheth.

Gr. *thalpō*. See Eph. 5. 29. her = her own. This shows that a mother is meant. The image expresses

the intensity of the apostle's love for them. children. Ap. 108. i. 8 affectionately desirous. Gr.

*himeirosmai*, or *homeirosmai*. Only here. willing = well pleased. unto = to. also, &c. = our own

lives (Ap. 110. III. 2) also. dear unto. Ap. 135. III. 9 travail = toil. Gr. *mochthos*. See 2 Cor. 11. 27.

because, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) our not (Ap. 105. II) being chargeable unto. Gr. *epibareō*. See

2 Cor. 2. 5. any. Ap. 123. 3. preached. Ap. 121. 1. unto. Ap. 104. vi. 10 holily.

Gr. *hosiōs*. Only here. Cp. the adj. Acts 2. 27. justly. Gr. *dikaiōs*. See 1 Cor. 15. 34, and cp. Ap. 191. 1.

unblameably. Gr. *amemptōs*. Only here and 5. 23. Cp. 3. 13. behaved ourselves. Lit. became.

among = towards. No prep. believe. Ap. 150. I. i. 1. 11 exhorted. Ap. 134. I. 6. comforted.

Gr. *paramutheomai*. See John 11. 19. charged = testified to. Gr. *marturomai*, with texts. See Gal. 5. 3.

every = each. 12 That, &c. = With a view to (Ap. 104. vi) your walking. hath. Omit. called.

Some texts read "callesth". His = His own. kingdom. See App. 112, 114.

of. Ap. 104. xviii. 1. be put in trust with. Ap. 150. I. i. iv. 5 neither, nor. Gr. *oute*. used we. Lit. were (became) we in (Gr. *en*). flattering words. Lit. a word (Ap. 121. 10) of flattery. cloak = pretence. Gr. *prophasis*. See Acts 27. 30. 6 Nor. Gr. *oute*. sought we = seeking. glory. See p. 1511. of. Ap. 104. iv. others. Ap. 124. 1. when, &c. = though able to be. burdensome. Lit. in (Gr. *en*) a burden, i. e. for a burden. Gr. *baros*. See Acts 15. 28. Cp. v. 9. apostles. Ap. 189. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. 7 gentle. Gr. *epios*. Only here and 2 Tim. 2. 24. among = in (Gr. *en*) the midst of. nurse. Gr. *trophos*. Only here. cherisheth. Gr. *thalpō*. See Eph. 5. 29. her = her own. This shows that a mother is meant. The image expresses the intensity of the apostle's love for them. children. Ap. 108. i. 8 affectionately desirous. Gr. *himeirosmai*, or *homeirosmai*. Only here. willing = well pleased. unto = to. also, &c. = our own lives (Ap. 110. III. 2) also. dear unto. Ap. 135. III. 9 travail = toil. Gr. *mochthos*. See 2 Cor. 11. 27. because, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) our not (Ap. 105. II) being chargeable unto. Gr. *epibareō*. See 2 Cor. 2. 5. any. Ap. 123. 3. preached. Ap. 121. 1. unto. Ap. 104. vi. 10 holily. Gr. *hosiōs*. Only here. Cp. the adj. Acts 2. 27. justly. Gr. *dikaiōs*. See 1 Cor. 15. 34, and cp. Ap. 191. 1. unblameably. Gr. *amemptōs*. Only here and 5. 23. Cp. 3. 13. behaved ourselves. Lit. became. among = towards. No prep. believe. Ap. 150. I. i. 1. 11 exhorted. Ap. 134. I. 6. comforted. Gr. *paramutheomai*. See John 11. 19. charged = testified to. Gr. *marturomai*, with texts. See Gal. 5. 3. every = each. 12 That, &c. = With a view to (Ap. 104. vi) your walking. hath. Omit. called. Some texts read "callesth". His = His own. kingdom. See App. 112, 114.



*C a* 13 ° For this cause ° also thank we 2 God ° without ceasing, because,

*b* when ye received the 5 word of 2 God ° which ye heard ° of us, ye received it 1 not as the 5 word of 4 men, but as it is ° in truth, the 5 word of 2 God, which ° effectually worketh also 2 in you that 10 believe.

*c* 14 For ye, brethren, became ° followers of the ° churches of 2 God which 2 in Judæa are 2 in ° Christ Jesus: for ye also ° have suffered ° like things 4 of your own ° countrymen, even as ° they have 4 of the Jews;

*d* 15 Who both killed the ° Lord ° Jesus, and ° their own ° prophets, and ° have persecuted us; and they please 9 not 2 God, and are contrary to all 4 men;

16 Forbidding us to 2 speak to the Gentiles ° that they might be saved, ° to fill up their ° sins ° always:

*e* for ° the wrath ° is come ° upon them ° to the ° uttermost.

*D E l* 17 But we, brethren, ° being taken ° from you ° for ° a short time in ° presence, 1 not in heart, ° endeavoured the more abundantly to ° see your ° face 2 with great desire.

18 Wherefore we ° would have come 1 unto you, even ¶ Paul, ° once and again; but Satan ° hindered us.

*m* 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or ° crown of ° rejoicing? Are ° not even ye in the presence of our 16 Lord ° Jesus Christ 2 at His ° coming? 20 For ye are our ° glory and joy.

*F n* 3 Wherefore ° when we could ° no longer ° forbear, we ° thought it good to be left ° at ° Athens alone;

*o* 2 And ° sent Timotheus, our brother, and ° minister of ° God, and our ° fellowlabourer ° in the ° gospel of ° Christ, ° to establish you, and to ° comfort you ° concerning your ° faith:

3 That ° no man should be ° moved ° by these ° afflictions: for yourselves ° know that we ° are appointed ° thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were ° with you, we ° told you before that we ° should ° suffer tribulation; even as it ° came to pass, and ye 8 know.

*F n* 5 ° For this cause, 1 when ¶ could 1 no longer 1 forbear,

*o* I 2 sent 2 to ° know your 2 faith, ° lest by some means the tempter ° have tempted you, and our labour be ° in vain.

13 For this cause = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this, also thank we = we also thank. See 1. 2. without ceasing. See 1. 3. which ye heard. Lit. of hearing. Gr. *akoē*, as in Gal. 3. 2, 5.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

in truth = truly.

effectually worketh = is made energetic. See Ap. 172. 4.

14 followers. See 1. 6.

churches. Ap. 186.

Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII. have. Omit.

like = the same.

countrymen. Gr. *sumphuletēs*. Only here.

they = they also.

15 Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus = even Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

their own = the.

prophets. Ap. 189.

have persecuted us = chased us out. Gr. *ekdiōkō*. Only here and Luke 11. 49.

16 that = in order that. Gr. *hina*.

to, &c. = with a view to (Ap. 104. vi) their filling up (Gr. *anaplērōō*). See 1 Cor. 14. 16.

sins. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.

the wrath: the appointed wrath. See Lev. 26. Deut. 28 and 32.

is come. Gr. *phthanō*. See Luke 11. 20.

upon. Ap. 104. ix. 3.

to. Ap. 104. vi.

uttermost = end. Gr. *telos*.

2. 17-3. 10 (D, p. 1788). PAUL AND THE BRETHREN. THEIR FEELINGS WHILE ABSENT. (Introversion and Alternation.)

*D* | *E* | 1 | 2. 17, 18. Their departure.

*m* | 2. 19, 20. Joy in the Thessalonians.

*F* | *n* | 3. 1. Their solicitude.

*o* | 3. 2-4. Mission of Timothy.

*F* | *n* | 3. 5-. Their solicitude.

*o* | 3. -5. Mission of Timothy.

*E* | *l* | 3. 6. Timothy's return.

*m* | 3. 7-10. Joy in the Thessalonians.

17 being taken = having been bereaved. Gr. *aporphanizomai*. Only here. Cp. John 14. 18.

from. Ap. 104. iv. for. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

a short time. Lit. a season of an hour.

presence, face. Cp. 1 Cor. 5. 3. Col. 2. 6.

endeavoured = were diligent.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

18 would have = wished to. Ap. 102. 1.

once and again. Cp. Phil. 4. 16.

hindered. Gr. *enköptō*. See Acts 24. 4.

19 crown. Cp. Phil. 4. 1.

rejoicing. Gr. *kauchēsis*. See Rom. 3. 27.

not. Ap. 105. I (a).

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI, but the texts omit "Christ".

coming. Gr. *parousia*. See Matt. 24. 3. The first

of seven occ. in these two Epistles. See 3. 13; 4. 16; 5. 23. 2 Thess. 2. 1, 8, 9.

3. 1 when, &c. = no longer bearing it, i. e. able to bear it.

thought it good = were well pleased.

at. Ap. 104. viii. Athens. See Acts 17. 15, 16. When Silas and

Timothy joined Paul, he and Silas must have agreed to dispatch Timothy to Thessalonica, and then Silas

must have departed on some other mission. See in v. 5 the change from "we" to "I". 2 sent. Ap.

174. 4. minister. Ap. 190. I. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. fellowlabourer. Gr. *sunergos*. See

1 Cor. 3. 9. The texts vary here. in. Ap. 104. viii. gospel. Ap. 140. Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

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104. xiii. 1, but the texts read *hyper* (Ap. 104. xvii. 1). faith. Ap. 150. II. 1. 3 no man. Gr. *mēdeis*.

moved: or, agitated. Gr. *sainō*. Only here. by. Ap. 104. viii. afflictions. Gr. *thlipsis*. See 1. 6.

know. Ap. 132. I. i. are appointed. Lit. lie. Gr. *keimai*. Cp. Luke 2. 34. Phil. 1. 17. thereunto =

unto (Ap. 104. vi) this. 4 with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. told... before = foretold. Gr. *prolegō*. See 2 Cor.

13. 2. should = were about to. suffer, &c. = be afflicted. Gr. *thlibō*. came to pass. Add "also".

5 For this cause = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this. know. Ap. 132. I. ii. lest, &c. Gr. *mē pōs*.

have. Omit. in vain. See 2. 1, and cp. 2 Cor. 6. 1. Gal. 2. 2. Phil. 2. 16.

no longer. Gr. *mēketi*.

forbear = bear. See 1 Cor. 9. 12.

Same as "were willing" (2. 8). at. Ap. 104. viii. Athens. See Acts 17. 15, 16. When Silas and

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**E I** 6 But now when Timotheus came °from you  
°unto us, and °brought us good tidings of your  
°faith and °charity, and that ye have good  
remembrance of us °always, °desiring greatly  
to °see us, as we also to see you :

**m** 7 °Therefore, brethren, we were °comforted  
°over you °in all our °affliction and °distress  
°by your °faith :

8 For now we °live, °if ye °stand fast °in the  
°Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to °God  
again °for you, °for all the joy wherewith we  
joy °for your sakes before our °God ;

10 Night and day °praying °exceedingly °that  
we might °see your face, and might °perfect  
°that which is lacking °in your °faith ?

**B** 11 Now °God Himself and our °Father, and  
our °Lord °Jesus Christ, °direct our way  
°unto you.

12 And the °Lord make you to °increase and  
abound in °love one °toward another, and  
°toward all men, even as °we do °toward you :

13 °To the end He may °stablish your hearts  
°unblameable °in °holiness °before °God, even  
our °Father, °at the °coming of our °Lord  
°Jesus Christ °with all His °saints.

**B A G J** 4 Furthermore then we °beseech you,  
brethren, and °exhort you °by the °Lord  
°Jesus, °that as ye have received °of us how  
ye ought to walk and to please °God, so ye  
would abound °more and more.

**K** 2 For ye °know what °commandments we  
gave you °by the °Lord °Jesus.

**L p** 3 For this is the °will of °God, even your  
°sanctification, that ye should °abstain °from  
fornication :

4 That °every one of you should °know how  
to °possess °his °vessel °in °sanctification and  
honour ;

5 °Not °in the °lust of °concupiscence, even as  
the °Gentiles which °know °not °God :

**q** 6 That °no man °go beyond and °defraud his  
brother °in °any matter : because that the  
°Lord is the °avenger °of all °such, as we °also  
have forewarned you and °testified.

6 from. Ap. 104. iv.  
unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.  
brought . . . good tidings. Ap. 121. 4. The only  
place, save Luke 1. 19, where *euangelizō* does not refer  
to the gospel.

charity = love. Ap. 135. II. 1.  
always. Ap. 151. II. G. i.  
desiring greatly. Gr. *epipothēō*. See Rom. 1. 11.  
see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

7 Therefore. Same as "For this cause", v. 5.  
over. Ap. 104. ix. 2. in. Same as "over".  
distress = necessity, as 1 Cor. 7. 26.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.  
8 live. See Ap. 170. 1. if. Ap. 118. 1. b.  
stand fast. Gr. *stikō*. See Phil. 4. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.  
9 for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. for. Ap. 104. ix. 2.  
for your sakes = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) you.

10 praying. Ap. 134. I. 5.  
exceedingly. Gr. *hyper* (Ap. 104. xvii. 1) *ek* (Ap. 104.  
vii) *perissou*. Most of the texts read as one word. See  
Eph. 3. 20.

that we might. Lit. for (Ap. 104. vi) the seeing  
(Ap. 133. I. 1). perfect. Ap. 126. 8.  
that, &c. = the shortcomings. Gr. *husterēma*. See  
1 Cor. 16. 17. in = of.

11 Father. Ap. 98. III.  
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.  
Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI, but the texts omit "Christ"  
here and v. 13.

direct. Gr. *kateuthunō*. Here; 2 Thess. 3. 5. Luke  
1. 79. Cp. *euthunō* in John 1. 23 and Jas. 3. 4.

12 increase. Gr. *pleonazō*. See Rom. 5. 20.  
love. Same as "charity", v. 6.  
toward. Ap. 104. vi. we = we also.

13 To the end. Ap. 104. vi.  
stablish. Gr. *stērizō*. See Rom. 1. 11.  
unblameable. Gr. *amemptos*. See Phil. 2. 15.  
holiness. Gr. *hagiosunē*. See Rom. 1. 4.

before. See John 12. 37.  
coming. Gr. *parousia*. Cp. 2. 19.  
with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. saints. See Acts 9. 13.

#### 4. 1—5. 22 [For Structures see below].

4. 1 beseech. Ap. 134. I. 3.  
exhort. Ap. 134. I. 6. by. Ap. 104. viii.  
Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.  
Jesus. Ap. 98. X.  
that = in order that. Gr. *hina*.  
of. Ap. 104. xii. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.  
more and more = the more.  
2 know. Ap. 132. I. i.  
commandments. Gr. *parangelia*. Cp. 1 Tim. 1. 18  
(charge).

#### 4. 1—5. 22 (A, p. 1787). EXHORTATION AND INSTRUCTION. (Introversion.)

A | G | 4. 1—12. Exhortation.  
H | 4. 13—5. 11. Instruction.  
G | 5. 12—22. Exhortation.

#### 4. 1—12 (G, above). EXHORTATION. (Introversion and Alternation.)

G | J | 1. Walk, as before God.  
K | 2. Commandments.  
L | p | 3—6. God's will : sanctification (positive and negative).  
q | 6. Brethren : not to be defrauded (negative).  
L | p | 7, 8. God's call : sanctification (negative and positive).  
q | 9, 10. Brethren : to be loved (positive).  
K | 11. Commandments.  
J | 12. Walk, as regards men.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1. Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A. 3 will. Ap. 102. 2. sanctification. Gr.  
*hagiasmos*. See Rom. 6. 19. abstain. Gr. *apechomai*. See Acts 15. 20. from. Ap. 104. iv.  
4 every = each. possess. Gr. *ktaomai*. See Luke 21. 19. his = his own. vessel. Gr. *skeuos*.  
Cp. 1 Pet. 3. 7. in. Ap. 104. viii. 5 Not. Ap. 105. II. lust. Gr. *pathos*. See Rom. 1. 26.  
The R.V. renders it "passion". concupiscence = lust, or desire. Gentiles = Gentiles also. 6 no  
man = that he (should) not (Ap. 105. II). go beyond. Gr. *hyperbainō*. Only here. defraud. Gr.  
*pleonekteō*. See 2 Cor. 2. 11. any = the. avenger. Gr. *ekdikos*. Only here and Rom. 13. 4. of =  
concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. such = such (sins). also have forewarned = forewarned also. Gr.  
*proeipō*. Only here; Acts 1. 18. Gal. 5. 21. testified. Gr. *diarmarturomai*. See Acts 2. 40.



**L p** 7 For <sup>1</sup> God ° hath ° not called us ° unto uncleanliness, but ° unto ° holiness.  
 8 He therefore that ° despiseth, ° despiseth ° not ° man, but <sup>1</sup> God, Who ° hath also given ° unto ° us His ° holy Spirit.

**q** 9 But ° as touching ° brotherly love ye need ° not that I write ° unto you: for ye yourselves are ° taught of God ° to ° love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it ° toward all the brethren which are ° in all Macedonia: but we ° beseech you, brethren, that ye ° increase ° more and more;

**K** 11 And that ye ° study to ° be quiet, and to ° do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we ° commanded you;

**J** 12 <sup>1</sup> That ye may walk ° honestly ° toward ° them that are without, and ° that ye may have lack of ° nothing.

**H r** 13 But ° I ° would ° not ° have you to be ignorant, brethren, ° concerning them which are ° asleep, ° that ye sorrow ° not, even as ° others which have ° no hope.

**s** 14 ° For ° if we ° believe that <sup>1</sup> Jesus died and ° rose again, ° even so them also which ° sleep ° in ° Jesus will ° God bring ° with Him.

**t** 15 <sup>14</sup> For this we say ° unto you ° by ° the ° word of the ° Lord, that we which are alive and ° remain ° unto the ° coming of the ° Lord, shall ° not ° prevent them which are ° asleep.

**u** 16 ° For the ° Lord Himself shall descend ° from ° heaven ° with a ° shout, ° with the voice of the ° archangel, and ° with the ° trump of ° God: and ° the dead ° in ° Christ shall ° rise first:

17 ° Then we which are alive, and ° remain, shall be ° caught up ° together ° with them ° in ° the clouds, ° to ° meet the ° Lord ° in the air: and ° so shall we ° ever be ° with the ° Lord.

**v** 18 ° Wherefore ° comfort one another ° with these ° words.

7 hath. Omit. not. Ap. 105. I. unto. Ap. 104. ix. 2. unto. Ap. 104. viii. holiness. Same as "sanctification", v. 3.

8 despiseth. Gr. *atheteō*. See John 12. 48. man. Ap. 123. 1.

hath also given. The texts read "giveth". unto. Ap. 104. vi.

us. The texts read "you". holy Spirit. Though there are two articles, the reference is to the gifts of Acts 2. 4, the Spirit being always the Giver. Ap. 101. II. 14.

9 as touching. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. brotherly love. Gr. *philadelphia*. See Rom. 12. 10. unto=to.

taught of God. Gr. *theodidaktos*. Only here. to. Ap. 104. vi. love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

10 toward. Ap. 104. vi. beseech. Same as "exhort", v. 1.

increase. Same as "abound", v. 1.

11 study. Gr. *philotimeomai*. See Rom. 15. 20.

be quiet. Gr. *hēsychazō*. See Luke 23. 56. do, &c. = attend to your own affairs. Cp. 2 Thess. 3. 11.

commanded. Gr. *parangellō*. See Acts 1. 4.

12 honestly. Gr. *euschēmōnōs*. See Rom. 13. 13.

toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3. them that are without. Cp. 1 Cor. 5. 12, 13. Col. 4. 5. nothing. Gr. *mēdeis*.

#### 4. 13—5. 11 (H, p. 1791). INSTRUCTION. (Extended Alternation.)

**H r** 4. 13. Instruction necessary as to those who are asleep.

**s** 4. 14. First reason. For (*gar*) God will bring them from the dead.

**t** 4. 15. Second reason. For (*gar*) those who are alive shall not precede them.

**u** 4. 16, 17. Third reason. Because (*hoti*) both shall be caught up together (*hama*).

**v** 4. 18. Wherefore comfort one another.

**r** 5. 1. Instruction not necessary as to times and seasons.

**s** 5. 2-6. First reason. For (*gar*) they knew already the character of the day of the Lord.

**t** 5. 7, 8. Second reason. For (*gar*) they that sleep sleep in the night.

**u** 5. 9, 10. Third reason. Because (*hoti*) we are appointed to live together (*hama*) with Him.

**v** 5. 11. Wherefore comfort one another.

have you, &c. See Rom. 1. 13. concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. asleep=falling asleep. Ap. 171. 2. others=the rest. Ap. 124. 3. Add "also". no=not, as v. 6. 14 For. Gr. *gar*. if. Ap. 118. 2. a. believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii. rose again. Ap. 178. I. 1. even so them also. Read "so (we believe) also that them". sleep=are fallen asleep. in Jesus=through (Ap. 104. v. 1) Jesus. This stands in the Gr. between the words "sleep" and "bring". To which does it belong? "Sleep in Jesus" is an expression not found elsewhere. In v. 16 the "dead in Christ" are spoken of, with which may be compared 1 Cor. 15. 18. And the proper meaning of *dia* with the Genitive is "through", though it is wrongly transl. "in" Matt. 26. 61. Mark 14. 58. 1 Tim. 2. 16. Heb. 7. 9; 13. 22, and "among" 2 Tim. 2. 2. The context will show that "through" is the meaning, as the R.V. renders it in margin. "Through" the Lord Jesus Christ we have peace, reconciliation, sonship, the Holy Spirit's gifts, victory, and many other blessings; Rom. 5. 1, 10; Rom. 8. 37. 1 Cor. 15. 67. 2 Cor. 5. 18. Eph. 1. 6. Col. 1. 20. Tit. 3. 6. Death is not a blessing, but an enemy. Inflicted by the Lord (Rev. 2. 23; 19. 21), and permitted by Him, it is the work of the devil (Heb. 2. 14. Rev. 2. 10), whose works He came to destroy. It is better, therefore, to take the words "through Jesus" with "bring", and read, "God will through Jesus bring with Him", in harmony with John 5. 25; 11. 26. Phil. 3. 21. with. Ap. 104. xvi. 15 the. Omit. word. Ap. 121. 10. remain. Gr. *perileipomai*. Only here and v. 17. Is this subsequent to Phil. 3. 11? coming. Cp. 2. 19. not. Ap. 105. III. prevent=anticipate. Gr. *phthanō*. See Rom. 9. 31. "Prevent" meant "go or come before". Now it only means "stand in the way of". asleep=fallen asleep. 16 For=Because. Gr. *hoti*. heaven. Sing. See Matt. 6. 9, 10. with. Ap. 104. viii. shout=word of command. Gr. *keleusma*. Only here in N.T. In the Sept. in Prov. 30. 27, the rendering of which is, The locust has no king, yet it marches orderly at one word of command. archangel. Only here and in Jude 9, where he is called Michael, which connects this event with Dan. 12. 1. trump. Cp. Matt. 24. 31 and 1 Cor. 15. 52. the dead. Ap. 139. 1. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. 17 Then. Gr. *epeita*, thereupon, thereafter. caught up. Gr. *harpazō*. See Acts 8. 39. 2 Cor. 12. 2, 4. Rev. 12. 5. together. Gr. *hama*. the. Omit. meet. Gr. *apantēsis*. See Matt. 25. 1. in. Ap. 104. vi. so. I. e. by resurrection, or translation. ever. Ap. 151. II. G. ii. 18 Wherefore=So then. comfort. Same as "beseech", v. 10.

**5** But °of the °times and the °seasons, brethren, ye have °no need that I write °unto you.

**2** °For yourselves °know °perfectly that the day of the °Lord so cometh as a thief °in the night.

**3** °For when they °shall say, "Peace and safety;" then °sudden °destruction cometh upon them, as °travail upon a woman with child; and they shall °not escape.

**4** But ye, brethren, are °not °in darkness, °that that day should °overtake you as a thief.

**5** We are all the °children of °light, and the °children of the day: we are °not of the night, °nor of darkness.

**6** Therefore let us °not °sleep, as do °others; but let us °watch and °be sober.

**7** °For they that °sleep °sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

**8** But let us, who are of the day, °be sober, putting on the °breastplate of °faith and °love; and for an °helmet, the hope of salvation.

**9** °For °God °hath °not appointed us °to °wrath, but °to °obtain salvation °by our °Lord °Jesus Christ,

**10** Who died °for us, °that, whether we °wake or °sleep, we should live °together °with Him.

**11** Wherefore °comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as °also ye do.

**12** And we °beseech you, brethren, to °know them which labour °among you, and °are over you °in the °Lord, and admonish you;

**13** And to °esteem them °very highly °in °love °for their work's sake. And °be at peace °among yourselves.

**14** Now we °exhort you, brethren, °warn them that are °unruly, °comfort the °feeble-minded, °support the weak, be patient °toward all men.

**15** °See °that none render °evil °for °evil °unto °any man; but °ever follow that which is good, both °among yourselves, and °to all men.

**16** Rejoice °evermore;

**17** °Pray °without ceasing;

**18** °In every thing °give thanks: for this is the °will of °God °in °Christ Jesus °concerning you.

**19** Quench °not the °Spirit;

**20** °Despise °not °prophecyings;

**21** °Prove all things; °hold fast that which is good.

**22** °Abstain °from °all °appearance of °evil.

**23** And °the very °God of peace °sanctify you °wholly; and I pray God your °whole °spirit

**5. 1** of. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. times, seasons. See Ap. 195.

no=not. Ap. 105. I.

unto=to.

**2** For. Gr. gar.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

perfectly. Gr. akribōs. See Acts 18. 25.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. B.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

**3** For. The texts omit.

shall. Omit.

sudden. Gr. aiphnidios. Only here and Luke 21. 34.

destruction. Gr. olethros. See 1 Cor. 5. 5.

travail. Gr. ödin. See Acts 2. 24.

not. Ap. 105. III.

**4** that=in order that. Gr. hina.

overtake. Gr. katalambanō. See John 1. 5.

**5** children. Ap. 108. iii.

light. Ap. 130. I.

nor. Gr. oude.

**6** not. Ap. 105. II.

sleep. Ap. 171. I.

others. Ap. 124. 3.

watch. See Matt. 24. 42.

be sober. Gr. nēphō. Here, v. 8. 2 Tim. 4. 5. 1 Pet. 1. 13; 4. 7; 5. 8.

**8** breastplate. Gr. thōrax. See Eph. 6. 14.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

helmet. Gr. perikephalaia. See Eph. 6. 17.

**9** For=Because. Gr. hoti.

God. Ap. 93. I. i. 1.

hath. Omit.

to. Ap. 104. vi.

wrath. Cp. 1. 10.

obtain=obtaining. Gr. peripoiesis. See Eph. 1. 14.

by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

Lord. Ap. 98. VI. i. β. 2. A.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

**10** for. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

wake=watch.

together. Gr. hama, as in 4. 17.

with. Ap. 104. xvi.

**11** comfort. Ap. 134. I. 6. Same as in 4. 18.

also ye do=ye are doing also.

**12** beseech. Ap. 134. I. 3. Not the same as 4. 10.

among. Ap. 104. viii. 2.

are over. Gr. proistēmi. See Rom. 12. 8.

**13** esteem=reckon.

very highly. Gr. huperekeperissōs. See 3. 10 and Eph. 3. 20.

for their work's sake=on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) their work.

be at peace. Gr. eirēneō. See Rom. 12. 18.

**14** exhort. Ap. 134. I. 6.

warn. Same as "admonish", v. 12.

unruly. Gr. ataktos. Only here. Cp. 2 Thess. 3.

6, 11 (the adv. transl. "disorderly").

comfort. Gr. paramutheomai. See 2. 11.

feeble-minded=fainthearted. Gr. oligopsuchos. Only here.

support. Gr. antechomai. Here; Matt. 6. 24. Luke 16. 13. Tit. 1. 9.

toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

**15** See. Ap. 133. I. 8.

that none=lest (Ap. 105. II) any (Ap. 123. 3).

evil. Ap. 128. III. 2.

for. Gr. anti. Ap. 104. ii.

any man. Gr. tis. Ap. 123. 3.

ever. Ap. 151. II. G. ii.

among yourselves=towards (eis) one another.

**17** Pray. Gr. proseuchomai. Ap.

134. I. 2. without ceasing. See 1. 3. **18** give thanks. Gr. eucharisteō. See 1. 2. will. Ap.

102. 2. Christ Jesus. Ap. 98. XII. concerning=in regard to. Gr. eis. Ap. 104. vi. **19** Spirit.

Ap. 101. II. 4. **20** Despise. Gr. exoutheneō. See Acts 4. 11. prophecyings. Cp. 1 Cor. 12. 10;

13. 2, 8; 14. 6, 22. The reference to these gifts explains v. 19. **21** Prove. Gr. dokimazō. See Rom. 12. 2.

hold fast. Gr. katechō. See Matt. 21. 38. **22** Abstain. See 4. 3.

from. Gr. apō. Ap. 104. iv. all=every. appearance=form. Gr. eidos. See John 5. 37.

evil. Ap. 128. III. 1. **23** the very, &c.=may the God of peace Himself. Cp. Acts 7. 2. Heb. 13. 20.

sanctify. See John 17. 17. wholly. Gr. holotelēs. Only here. whole, &c. Read, "your spirit

and soul and body be kept entire". whole. Gr. holoklēros. Only here and Jas. 1. 4. The noun in

Acts 3. 16. spirit. Ap. 101. II. 6.

and °soul and body be preserved °blameless  
 °unto the °coming of our °Lord °Jesus Christ.  
 24 °Faithful is He That calleth you, Who  
 °also will do it.

25 Brethren, <sup>17</sup> pray ° for us.

A

26 Greet all the brethren °with an °holy kiss.  
 27 I °charge you by the °Lord that °this  
 epistle be read <sup>1</sup> unto all the °holy brethren.  
 28 The °grace of our °Lord °Jesus Christ be  
 °with you. °Amen.

soul. Ap. 110. III. 2.

blameless. See 2. 10.

unto = at. Gr. *en*. Ap. 104. viii.

coming. See 2. 19. Notice how in every chapter of  
 this Epistle the coming of the Lord is presented, and  
 in a different aspect: 1. 10; 2. 19; 3. 13; 4. 14-17; 5. 23.  
 In this verse there is a beautiful correspondence.

H | The work of the God of peace. Sanctification:  
 complete.

J | w | The whole person.

x | One part of it (the *pneuma*).

J | w | The whole person (the living soul).

x | The other part of it (the body).

H | The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Preserva-  
 tion: without blemish.

24 Faithful. Gr. *pistos*. Ap. 150. III. Cp. 1 Cor. 1. 9; 10. 13. 2 Thess. 3. 3. 2 Tim. 2. 13. Heb. 10. 23;  
 11. 11. 1 Pet. 4. 19. Rev. 3. 14; 19. 11. also, &c. = will do it also. 25 for. Gr. *peri*. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.  
 26 with. Gr. *en*. Ap. 104. viii. holy kiss. See Rom. 16. 16. 27 charge. Gr. *orkizō*. See  
 Acts 19. 13, but the texts read *enorkizō*, which occ. only here. this = the. holy. Most texts  
 omit. 28 grace. Gr. *charis*. Ap. 184. I. 1. with. Gr. *meta*. Ap. 104. xi. 1. Amen. Omit,  
 with texts.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

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F | 2. 14, 15. THE OBTAINING OF GLORY.

B | G | 2. 16-3. 1-. PRAYER FOR PAUL.

H | 3. 1-4. THAT THE WORD MAY BE GLORIFIED.

J | 3. 5. AND THEIR HEARTS MAY BE DIRECTED INTO GOD'S LOVE

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