

2 Thessalonians

1 Paul and Silas and Timothy, to the called-out Thessalonians, in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We are obligated to thank God always for you, brothers, as is proper, because your faith grows abundantly, and the love of each one of you abounds for one another. ⁴We ourselves are boasting about you among God's congregations, because of your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and troubles which you are enduring. ⁵These are evidences of God's righteous judgment, that you may be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you are suffering.

⁶Indeed it is right for God to repay trouble to those troubling you, ⁷and provide relief to you along with us, who are troubled, when the Lord is revealed from heaven with the angels of his power ⁸in flaming fire. He will punish those who do not know God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer eternal ruin, and exclusion from the Lord's face, and from the splendor of his might, ¹⁰when he comes to be honored among his saints, and to be admired in that day by all who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed).

¹¹We always pray this for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith with power, ¹²that the name of our Lord Jesus may be honored among you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our being gathered together to him, we beseech you, brothers, ²that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be alarmed (either by the Spirit, or by a message, or by a letter as from us), as though the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, because the apostasy will

come first, and the man of lawlessness (the son of destruction) will be disclosed. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above everything that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵Do you not remember that, when I was still with you, I was telling you these things? ⁶Now you know that which restrains, so that he might be disclosed in his own time, ⁷for the mystery of lawlessness is already working, but only until he who now restrains is out of the way.

⁸Then the lawless one will be disclosed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of his mouth, and will destroy by the brightness of his coming. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to Satan's working, with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with every deceit of wrongdoing in those who are perishing, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹On account of this, God sends to them a working of error, that they should believe a lie, ¹²in order that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but enjoyed wrongdoing

¹³And we are obligated to thank God always for you, brothers, dear to the Lord, because God has chosen you as firstfruits for salvation in consecration by the Spirit, and in the belief of the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel to the gaining of the splendor of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵Therefore, brothers, stand fast, and hold on to the traditions which you were taught, whether through speech, or through our letter.

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

3 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Lord's message may run and be honored, even as with you, ²and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for the faith is not in all. ³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish and guard you from the evil one. ⁴And we

have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do what we command. ⁵May the Lord guide your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother walking disorderly, and not after the tradition which you received from us. ⁷You yourselves know how you must imitate us, because we were not disorderly among you, ⁸neither did we freely eat anyone's bread. But in labor and wearisome toil, we worked night and day, so as not to burden any of you.

⁹It is not that we do not have the right, but that we might make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. ¹⁰When we were with you, we commanded you, that if anyone does not wish to work, neither let him eat. ¹¹We hear that certain ones among you are walking disorderly, working at nothing, but are busybodies. ¹²Now we command in the Lord Jesus and exhort such people as these, that they should eat their own bread, working quietly.

¹³And you, brothers, do not tire in doing what is excellent. ¹⁴If any one does not obey our message through this letter, take note of him, and do not associate with him, that he may be made ashamed. ¹⁵However, do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷The salutation of Paul, with my hand, which is the sign in every letter, so I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.