

1 Thessalonians 1-5 (NKJV)

Greeting

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Their Good Example

² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our _____, ³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, _____ of love, and patience of _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ⁴ knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. ⁵ For our gospel did not come to you in _____ only, but also in _____, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of _____ we were among you for your sake.

⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the _____ in much affliction, with _____ of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your _____ toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from _____ to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from _____, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the _____ to come.

Paul's Conduct

2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was _____ in vain.

² But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were _____ in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. ³ For our exhortation *did not come* from _____ or uncleanness, nor *was it* in deceit.

⁴ But as we have been _____ by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who _____ our hearts. ⁵ For neither at any time did we use flattering _____, as you know, nor a _____ for covetousness—God *is* witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek _____ from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were _____ among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own 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 _____, because you had become dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brethren, our _____ and toil; for laboring night and _____, that we might not be a _____ to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

¹⁰ You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and _____ and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; ¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a _____ *does* his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own _____ and glory.

Their Conversion

¹³ For this _____ we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of _____, but as it is in _____, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. ¹⁴ For you, brethren, became _____ of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the _____ things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own _____, and have persecuted us; and they do _____ please God and are contrary to all men, ¹⁶ forbidding us to _____ to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of their* _____; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Longing to See Them

¹⁷ But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a _____ time in presence, not in _____, endeavored more eagerly to see your _____ with great desire. ¹⁸ Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what *is* our hope, or joy, or _____ of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰ For you are our _____ and _____.

Concern for Their Faith

3 Therefore, when we could _____ longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in _____ alone,² and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the _____ of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your _____,³ that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.⁴ For, in fact, we told you before when we were _____ you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.⁵ For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your _____, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our _____ might be in vain.

Encouraged by Timothy

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us _____ news of your _____ and _____, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also *to see you*—⁷ therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and _____ we were comforted concerning you by your _____.⁸ For now we live, if you stand _____ in the Lord.

⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the _____ with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,¹⁰ night and _____ praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

Prayer for the Church

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our _____ to you.¹² And may the Lord make you _____ and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,¹³ so that He may establish your _____ blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His _____.

Plea for Purity

4 Finally then, brethren, we _____ and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to _____ and to please God;² for you know what _____ we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is the _____ of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;⁴ that each of you should know how to _____ his

own vessel in sanctification and _____, ⁵ not in passion of _____, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his _____ in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not _____ us to uncleanness, but in _____. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects *this* does _____ reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

A Brotherly and Orderly Life

⁹ But concerning brotherly _____ you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰ and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you _____ more and more; ¹¹ that you also aspire to lead a _____ life, to mind your own _____, and to work with your own _____, as we commanded you, ¹² that you may _____ properly toward those who are _____, and *that* you may lack nothing.

The Comfort of Christ's Coming

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen _____, lest you sorrow as others who have no _____. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are _____ and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are _____. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the _____ of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the _____ to meet the Lord in the _____. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The Day of the Lord

5 But concerning the _____ and the _____, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a _____ in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then _____ destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant _____. And they shall not _____. ⁴ But you,

brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a _____.⁵ You are all sons of _____ and sons of the _____. We are not of the night nor of darkness.⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be _____.⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at _____.⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of _____ and _____, and *as* a helmet the _____ of salvation.⁹ For God did not appoint us to _____, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we _____ or _____, we should _____ together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore _____ each other and _____ one another, just as you also are doing.

Various Exhortations

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to _____ those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very _____ in love for their work's sake. Be at _____ among yourselves.

¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are _____, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the _____, be patient with all.¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for _____ to anyone, but always pursue what is _____ both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶ Rejoice _____,¹⁷ _____ without ceasing,¹⁸ in everything give _____; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹ Do _____ quench the Spirit.²⁰ Do not despise prophecies.²¹ _____ all things; hold fast what is _____.²² Abstain from every _____ of evil.

Blessing and Admonition

²³ Now may the God of _____ Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, _____, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.

²⁵ Brethren, _____ for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brethren with a holy _____.

²⁷ I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be _____ to all the holy brethren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.