

Paul to the Thessalonians

2nd Epistle

The Day of Christ
... a falling away first.

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Introduction

Paul's second epistle to the Thessalonians

In canonical order of the 7 churches to which Paul wrote, this epistle comes last:

1. Romans
2. Corinthians
3. Galatians
4. Ephesians
5. Philippians
6. Colossians
7. Thessalonians

Paul's second epistle to the Thessalonians

It is likely his first epistle in chronological order of the 7 churches to which he wrote (approx. dates):

1. Thessalonians A.D. 52
 2. Galatians A.D. 55
 3. Corinthians A.D. 56 and 57
 4. Romans A.D. 58
 5. Colossians
 6. Ephesians
 7. Philippians
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- A.D. 61-62

Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians

A survey of some words and phrases
throughout the epistle

Paul's second epistle to the Thessalonians

- 1:7-8 Angels in flaming fire taking vengeance
 - 1:9 punished with everlasting destruction
- 2:2 the day of Christ is at hand
 - 2:3 a falling away first
 - 2:14 he called you by our gospel
- 3:4 do and will do the things which we command
 - 3:6 we command you
 - 3:10 we commanded you
 - 3:12 we command you
 - 3:14 if any man obey not our word

Paul to the Thessalonians

- Survey of wording in 2Thessalonians

Chapter 1

v1 unto the church...in God...and in Christ

Note: Not the church “of” God

v4 “glory in you in the churches of God”

Note: the church in God to the churches of God

v4 “your patience...in all...ye endure”

v5 “ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom”

Q: who is to be counted worthy of the kingdom?

v11 “count you worthy of *this calling*”

Q: what “calling”?

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Chapter 2

v1 “our gathering together unto him”

Q: what, and to whom does this apply?

v2 “the day of Christ is at hand”

Q: what is “the day of Christ”, or should it read the day of the Lord?

v3 “except there come a falling away first”

Q: what is the “falling away”?

v7: “until he be taken out of the way?”

Q: who is to “be taken out of the way”?

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Chapter 2

v8 “shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”

Q: what, or to which coming does this refer?

v10 “they received not the love of the truth”

Q: who “received not the love of the truth”, and
what does it have to do with being “saved”?

v13 “chosen you to salvation”

Q: who are those that are “chosen”?

v14: “he called you by our gospel”?

Q: who are those that are “called”?

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Chapter 2

v15 “hold the traditions which ye have been taught”

Q: what “traditions”???

v17 “stablish you on every good...work”

Q: what “work”?

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Chapter 3

v1 “ye both do and will do things...commanded you”

Q: who is to do as “commanded”?

v5 “the patient waiting for Christ”

Q: Is this waiting for “the day of Christ”?

v14 “if any man obey not our word by this epistle”

Q: who is the “any man” that is to “obey”?

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- Key verse:

2Thessalonians 1:10

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,
and to be admired in all them that believe
(because our testimony among you was believed)
in that day.

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- Key verse...note the parties:

2Thessalonians 1:10

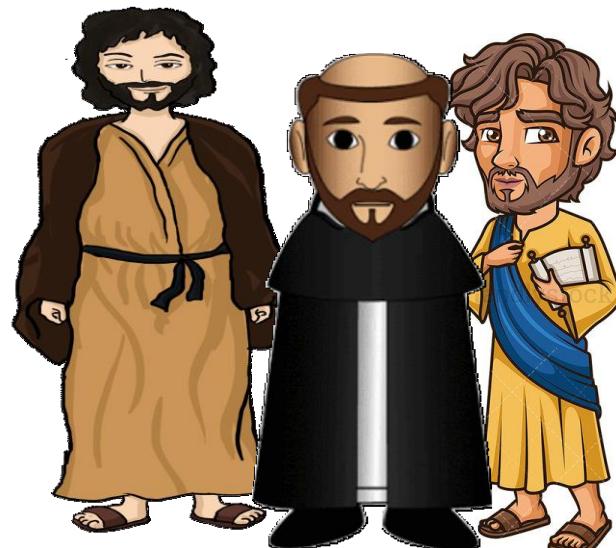
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Multiple parties:

1. saints (his)...you
2. them (all that believed)
3. our (testimony)

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- Key verse: 2Thessalonians 1:10



**Our
testimony**



**...believed among you
“called to be saints”**



**...all them that
believed**

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Some questions:

- Am I a “saint”?

A “saint” is one that is “called”

Romans 1:1, 7 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God ...

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints

- Was I called to be saved, and then became a saint?

2Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling...

Note: 2Tim 1:9 conveys a list wherein the second matter is subsequent to the first.

Another example of a list:

Not in the form of a list

No comma

1Timothy 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Note: verse 4 (above) contains a list of two matters:

1st → “saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the
2nd ~~truth~~”; the second matter is subsequent and may, or may not (in this life) occur.

Note: verse 3 (above) contains two matters that are together: “good and acceptable”

Some more questions:

- How did I become saved?

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise

Note: heard...believed...saved...sealed!

Romans 10:14b ...and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Some more questions:

- How did I become saved?

Another example reference:

1Corinthians 15:1-2 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved... .

Note: declared...heard...received...saved

Finally as to who are “called *to be* saints”:

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Note: the seed descended through Isaac are those that are called.

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*Second Thessalonians
Chapter One*

Paul to the Thessalonians

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1Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our brother*

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God

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Acts 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren

Note: Silas = Silvanus

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Romans 16:21 Timotheus my workfellow...

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus

Note: Paul variously referred to those that served:

2 Corinthians 8:23 Titus, *he is my partner and fellowhelper*

Philippians 2:25 Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger

Philippians 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow...Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers

Colossians 1:7 Epaphras our dear fellowservant

Note: Paul variously referred to those “called”:

Colossians 4:7, 11 Tychicus...*who is* a beloved brother,
and a faithful minister and fellowservant ...

Justus, who are of the circumcision ... *my* fellowworkers

Philemon 1:2 Archippus our fellowsoldier

Paul even referred to others as:

Romans 16:7 Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my
fellowprisoners

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1Timothy 1:2, 18 Unto Timothy, *my own son in the faith*: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. ... This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare

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1Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust...

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Note: The Thessalonians were a church “in God...and...Christ”

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Coverdale Bible, pub. 1535: boast
Source: OED

Early Bibles: manuscript family of the KJB:

- Waldensian Bible (Latin, 1100-1300 A.D.)

The traditional text / textus receptus / received text:

1. Martin Luther Bible (German, 1522-1534 A.D.)
2. Coverdale Bible (English, 1535 A.D.)
3. Matthews Bible (English, 1537 A.D.)
4. Great Bible (English, 1539 A.D.)
5. Geneva Bible (English, 1560 A.D.)
6. Bishops Bible (English, 1568 A.D.)
7. King James Bible (English, 1611 A.D.)

Psalm 12:6-7 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

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Note: Paul shared with the little flock/kingdom church matters of the church the body of Christ.

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A public proclamation
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Something that serves to indicate a fact/event
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1Thessalonians 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Paul to the “called to be saints”: walk worthy

Ephesians 4:1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation
wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and
meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another
in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.

Colossians 1:10-11 That ye might walk worthy of the
Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good
work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious
power, unto all patience and longsuffering with
joyfulness

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Philippians 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake

Paul to the Thessalonians

¶ 2Thessalonians 1:6-10 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

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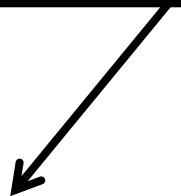


1. Restitution made to another for some wrong done to him
2. Compensation for some loss or injury sustained
3. Compensation for trouble, exertion, service or merit
4. Retribution for some injury or offence

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A condition of great affliction and misery
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¶ 2Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled
rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed
from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire
taking vengeance on them that know not God, and
that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Note: those (verse 4): “...all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure”

Note: they were to rest (in knowledge) with Paul concerning the Lord Jesus

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Note: this happens at the Second Coming of Christ:

Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

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Zechariah 13:6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are these wounds in thine* hands?

Then he shall answer, *Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.*

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Paul to the Thessalonians

Zechariah 13:6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these **wounds in thine hands?** Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall **see in his hands the print of the nails,** and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Paul to the Thessalonians – When Christ is revealed:

John 20:25 (*Thomas*) Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:27-29 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

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Note: at the Second Coming of Christ:

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Note: Paul is telling Called Saints matters of Prophecy already known to the Kingdom Saints.

Judgment executed by angels:

¶ Genesis 19:1, 12-13 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

... And the men  said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

Jesus recalls judgment executed by two angels:

Luke 17:28-30 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day ~~when~~ the Son of man is revealed.

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WOW!!!

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Note: at the Second Coming of Christ:

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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Note: at the Second Coming of Christ:

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

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Note: at the Second Coming of Christ:

Deuteronomy 27:10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

Note: The Hebrew is always to obey and do.

Transdispensational Hebrew truth:



Note: The Hebrew is always to obey and do.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

Transdispensational Hebrew truth:



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James 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths,
that they may obey us

1Peter 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be of* them that obey not the gospel of God?

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Note: at the Second Coming of Christ:

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

To “obey” is not at issue for today’s believer:

Today, all members of the BoC are *completely equal*.

Paul to the Thessalonians

¶ 2Thessalonians 1:9 ...our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

The fact, condition, or state of being destroyed: ruin
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Philippians 3:18-19 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the* enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

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↓
Lasting for ever; infinite in future duration; endless; eternal
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2Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

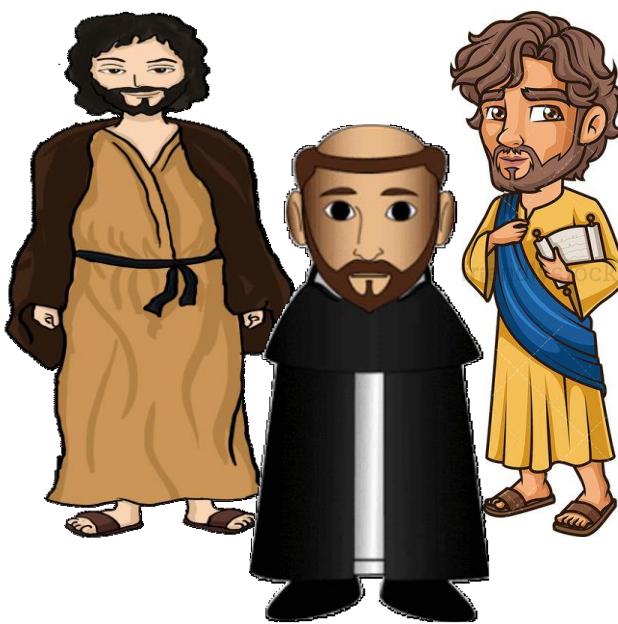
- The fact or condition of being destroyed or ruined
- Utter destruction; complete ruin
- The condition of final spiritual ruin or damnation
- Eternal death

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Key verse ... 2Thessalonians 1:10

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Our
testimony



...believed among you
"saints"



...all them that
believed

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2Thessalonians 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Indicates a specific “calling”

Romans 8:28 to them who are the called according to *his purpose*

2Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began

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Note: Now we shall see the “purpose” (Rom 8:28, 2Tim 1:9)

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*Second Thessalonians
Chapter Two*

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¶ 2Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

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2Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 2:5-7 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

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2Thessalonians 2:8-12 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 2:13-15 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:1-2 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:3-5 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:6-9 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:10-12 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:13-15 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

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¶ 2Thessalonians 3:16-18 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

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