**Chap. I. 1.**] ADDRESS AND GREETING.  
The Apostle names Silvanus and Timothy  
with himself, as having with him founded  
the church at Thessalonica, see Acts xvi. 1;  
xvii. 14. Silvanus is placed before Timothy,  
then a youth (Acts xvi. 1 f., see further in  
Introd. to 1 Tim. § i. 3, 4), as being one  
“*chief among the brethren*” (Acts xv. 22,  
32; xviii. 5), and a *prophet* (ib. xv. 32, see  
also 2 Cor. i. 19; 1 Pet. v. 12). He does  
not name himself *an Apostle*, probably because his

Apostleship needed not any substantiation to the

Thessalonians. For the same reason he omits the designation in the  
Epistle to the Philippians.

**unto the church**] So in 2 Thess., Gal., 1 and 2 Cor.:  
in the other Epistles, viz, Rom., Eph., Col.,  
Phil., more generally, e.g.,—“*to all that  
are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be  
saints*.” This is most probably accounted  
for by the circumstances of, the various  
Epistles. We may notice that the genitive plural

of the *persons constituting the  
church* occurs only in the addresses of these  
two Epistles. We may render ‘of Thessalonians,’

or ‘of the Thessalonians:’ better  
the former.

**in God the Father** marks  
them as not being heathens,—and **the Lord**

**Jesus Christ** as not being Jews.—The **in**,  
as usual, denotes *communion* and *participation*

*in*, as the element of spiritual life.  
“Grace and peace from God be unto you,  
that you who are deprived of human  
favour and secular peace, may have both  
these with God.” Anselm. The words  
which follow in the A. V., are not yet  
added in this, St. Paul’s first Epistle.  
Afterwards they become a common formula  
with him.

**2—III. 13.**] FIRST PORTION OF THE  
EPISTLE, *in which he pours out his heart  
to the Thessalonians respecting all the circumstances*

*of their reception of and adhesion*

*to the faith*.

**2—10.**] Jowett  
remarks, that few passages are more characteristic

of the style of St. Paul than this  
one: both as being the overflowing of his  
love in thankfulness for his converts, about:  
whom he can never say too much: and as  
to the very form and structure of the sentences,

which seem to grow under his hand,  
gaining force in each successive clause by  
the repetition and expansion of the preceding.

**2.**] **We give thanks**, coming  
so immediately after the mention of Paul,  
Silvanus, and Timothy, can hardly be here