THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE   
   
   
 TO THE   
   
   
 THESSALONIANS.   
   
   
   
   
   
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 I. 1 Paut, and ?Silvanus, and I.) PAUL, and Silva-   
 © 2 i, Timothy, unto the church of Thes- nus, and Timotheus, unto   
 2 Thess, salonians in God the Father and the church of the Thessa-   
 Lord Jesus Christ : lonians which is in God   
 ‘utow the you, and peacet. %°\* > Grace the Father and in the Lord   
 Eph, wor thanks to God always for you all, Jesus Christ: Grace be   
 t which unto you, and peace, from   
 here in God our Father, and the   
 A.V. are Lord Jesus Christ. \* We   
 out are in by the MS. and ancient Fersion, have probably inserted from other   
 later our ace 1 i. 2 Cor. 2, eRom.i.8 Eph.i.16. Philem,   
 oldeat I. 1.] ADDRESS AND GREETING.   
 The Apostle names Silvanus and Timothy Jesus Christ as not being Jews.—The in,   
 with himself, as having with him founded as usual, communion and participa-   
 the church at Thessalonica, see xvi. 1; tion in, as the element of spiritual life.   
 xvii. 14, Silvanus is before Timothy, “Grace and peace from God be unto you,   
 then a youth (Acts xvi. 1 f., further in that you who are deprived of human   
 Introd. to 1 Tim. § i. 3, as being one favour and secular peace, may have both   
 “chief among the brethren” (Acts xv. 22, these with God.” Anselm. The words   
 32; xviii. 5), a prophet (ib. xv. see which follow in the A. V., are not yet   
 also 2 Cor. i. 19; 1 Pet. v. 12). He does added in this, St. Paul’s first Epistle.   
 not name himself an Apostle, probably be- Afterwards they become a common formula   
 cause his Apostleship needed not any sub- with him.   
 stantiation to the Thessalonians. For the 2—IIL. 13.] Frrsr Portion oF THE   
 same reason he omits the designation in the EpIstLx, in which he pours out his heart   
 Epistle to the Philippians. unto the to the Thessalonians respecting all the cir-   
 church] So in 2 Thess., 1 and 2 Cor.: cumstances of their reception of and ad-   
 in the other Epistles, Rom., Eph., Col., hesion to the faith. 2—10.] Jowett   
 Phil., more generally, e.g..— to all that remarks, that few passages are more charac-   
 are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be teristic of the style of St. Paul than this   
 saints.” This is most probably accounted one: both as being the overflowing of his   
 for by the circumstances of, the various love in thankfulness for his about:   
 Epistles. We may notice that the geni- whom he can never say too much: and as   
 tive plural of the persons constituting the to the very form and structure of the sen-   
 church oceurs only in the addresses of tences, which seem to grow under his hand,   
 two Epistles. We may render ‘ of Thessa- gaining force in each successive clause by   
 lonians, or ‘of the Thessalonians ;’ better the repetition and expansion of the pre-   
 the former. in God the Father marks ceding. 2.) We give thanks, coming   
 them as not being heathens,—and the Lord so immediately after the mention of Paul,   
 Silvanus, and Timothy, can hardly be here