

tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; {3:6} Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. {3:7} But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. {3:8} Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ, {3:9} And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: {3:10} That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; {3:11} If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. {3:12} Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. {3:13} Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do,] forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, {3:14} I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. {3:15} Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. {3:16} Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. {3:17} Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. {3:18} (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: {3:19} Whose end [is] destruction, whose God [is their] belly, and [whose] glory [is] in their shame, who mind earthly things.) {3:20} For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: {3:21} Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

{4:1} Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, [my] dearly beloved. {4:2} I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. {4:3} And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and [with] other my fellowlabourers, whose names [are] in the book of life. {4:4} Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice. {4:5} Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord [is] at hand. {4:6} Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. {4:7} And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. {4:8} Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there be] any praise, think on these things. {4:9} Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

{4:10} But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. {4:11} Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content. {4:12} I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where

and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. {4:13} I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. {4:14} Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. {4:15} Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. {4:16} For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. {4:17} Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. {4:18} But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things [which were sent] from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. {4:19} But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. {4:20} Now unto God and our Father [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.

{4:21} Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you. {4:22} All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

{4:23} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians

{1:1} Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus [our] brother, {1:2} To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. {1:3} We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, {1:4} Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love [which ye have] to all the saints, {1:5} For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; {1:6} Which is come unto you, as [it is] in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as [it doth] also in you, since the day ye heard [of it,] and knew the grace of God in truth: {1:7} As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; {1:8} Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. {1:9} For this cause we also, since the day we heard [it,] do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; {1:10} That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; {1:11} Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; {1:12} Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: {1:13} Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: {1:14} In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins: {1:15} Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: {1:16} For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: {1:17} And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. {1:18} And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence. {1:19} For it pleased [the Father] that in him should all fulness dwell; {1:20} And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say,] whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven. {1:21} And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled {1:22} In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: {1:23} If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [and] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; {1:24} Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: {1:25} Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; {1:26} [Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: {1:27} To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: {1:28} Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: {1:29} Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

{2:1} For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and [for] them at Laodicea, and [for] as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; {2:2} That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; {2:3} In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. {2:4} And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. {2:5} For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

{2:6} As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him: {2:7} Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. {2:8} Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. {2:9} For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. {2:10} And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: {2:11} In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: {2:12} Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. {2:13} And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; {2:14} Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; {2:15} [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. {2:16} Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days:] {2:17} Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ. {2:18} Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, {2:19} And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

{2:20} Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, {2:21} (Touch not; taste not; handle not; {2:22} Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? {2:23} Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

{3:1} If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. {3:2} Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. {3:3} For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. {3:4} When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

{3:5} Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: {3:6} For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: {3:7} In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. {3:8} But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy

communication out of your mouth. {3:9} Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; {3:10} And have put on the new [man,] which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: {3:11} Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond [nor] free: but Christ [is] all, and in all. {3:12} Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; {3:13} Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also [do] ye. {3:14} And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness. {3:15} And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. {3:16} Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. {3:17} And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

{3:18} Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. {3:19} Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them. {3:20} Children, obey [your] parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. {3:21} Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger,] lest they be discouraged. {3:22} Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: {3:23} And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; {3:24} Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. {3:25} But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

{4:1} Masters, give unto [your] servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

{4:2} Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; {4:3} Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: {4:4} That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. {4:5} Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. {4:6} Let your speech [be] alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

{4:7} All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, [who is] a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord: {4:8} Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; {4:9} With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is [one] of you. They shall make known unto you all things which [are done] here.

{4:10} Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) {4:11} And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only [are my] fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. {4:12} Epaphras, who is [one] of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. {4:13} For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them [that are] in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. {4:14} Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas,

greet you. {4:15} Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. {4:16} And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the [epistle] from Laodicea. {4:17} And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

{4:18} The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds.

The First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians

{1:1} Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians [which is] in God the Father and [in] the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. {1:2} We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; {1:3} Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; {1:4} Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. {1:5} For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. {1:6} And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: {1:7} So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. {1:8} For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. {1:9} For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; {1:10} And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

{2:1} For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: {2:2} But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. {2:3} For our exhortation [was] not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: {2:4} But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. {2:5} For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God [is] witness: {2:6} Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor [yet] of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. {2:7} But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: {2:8} So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. {2:9} For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. {2:10} Ye [are] witnesses, and God [also,] how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: {2:11} As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father [doth] his children, {2:12} That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

{2:13} For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. {2:14} For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they [have] of the Jews: {2:15} Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: {2:16} Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that

they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

{2:17} But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. {2:18} Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us. {2:19} For what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? [Are] not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? {2:20} For ye are our glory and joy.

{3:1} Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; {3:2} And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: {3:3} That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. {3:4} For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. {3:5} For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain. {3:6} But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also [to see] you: {3:7} Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: {3:8} For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. {3:9} For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; {3:10} Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? {3:11} Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. {3:12} And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all [men,] even as we [do] toward you: {3:13} To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

{4:1} Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort [you] by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, [so] ye would abound more and more. {4:2} For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. {4:3} For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: {4:4} That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; {4:5} Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: {4:6} That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. {4:7} For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. {4:8} He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. {4:9} But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. {4:10} And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; {4:11} And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; {4:12} That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and [that] ye may have lack of nothing.

{4:13} But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren,

concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. {4:14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. {4:15} For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. {4:16} For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {4:17} Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. {4:18} Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

{5:1} But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. {5:2} For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. {5:3} For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. {5:4} But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. {5:5} Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. {5:6} Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. {5:7} For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. {5:8} But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. {5:9} For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, {5:10} Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. {5:11} Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

{5:12} And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; {5:13} And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. [And] be at peace among yourselves. {5:14} Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all [men.] {5:15} See that none render evil for evil unto any [man;] but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all [men.] {5:16} Rejoice evermore. {5:17} Pray without ceasing. {5:18} In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. {5:19} Quench not the Spirit. {5:20} Despise not prophesyings. {5:21} Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. {5:22} Abstain from all appearance of evil. {5:23} And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. {5:24} Faithful [is] he that calleth you, who also will do [it.

]{5:25} Brethren, pray for us.

{5:26} Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. {5:27} I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

{5:28} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen.

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians

{1:1} Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: {1:2} Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

{1:3} We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; {1:4} So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: {1:5} [Which is] a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: {1:6} Seeing [it is] a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; {1:7} And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, {1:8} In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: {1:9} Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; {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. {1:11} Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of [this] calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of [his] goodness, and the work of faith with power: {1:12} That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

{2:1} Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him, {2:2} 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. {2:3} 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; {2:4} 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. {2:5} Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? {2:6} And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. {2:7} For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let,] until he be taken out of the way. {2:8} 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: {2:9} [Even him,] whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, {2:10} And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. {2:11} And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: {2:12} That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

{2:13} 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: {2:14} Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ. {2:15} Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. {2:16} 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, {2:17} Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

{3:1} Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have [free] course, and be glorified, even as [it is] with you: {3:2} And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all [men] have not faith. {3:3} But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep [you] from evil. {3:4} And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. {3:5} And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

{3:6} 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. {3:7} For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; {3:8} 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: {3:9} Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. {3:10} For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. {3:11} For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. {3:12} Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. {3:13} But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. {3:14} 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. {3:15} Yet count [him] not as an enemy, but admonish [him] as a brother. {3:16} Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord [be] with you all.

{3:17} The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. {3:18} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ