Πρός Θεσσαλονικεῖς Α

Παύλος καὶ Σιλουανὸς¹ καὶ Τιμόθεος,² τῇ ἐκκλησία 1 Θεσσαλονικέων³ ἐν θεῷ πατρί, καὶ κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ χριστῷ: χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ.

Εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῷ θεῷ πάντοτε περὶ πάντων ὑμῶν, 2 μνείαν ὑμῶν ποιούμενοι ἐπὶ τῶν προσευχῶν ἡμῶν, 3 ἀδιαλείπτως μνημονεύοντες ὑμῶν τοῦ ἔργου τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦ κόπου τῆς ἀγάπης, καὶ τῆς ὑπομονῆς τῆς ἐλπίδος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ, ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν: 4 εἰδότες, ἀδελφοὶ ἠγαπημένοι ὑπὸ θεοῦ, τὴν ἐκλογὴν ὑμῶν: ὅτι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ἡμῶν οὐκ ἐγενήθη εἰς ὑμᾶς 5 ἐν λόγω μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν δυνάμει, καὶ ἐν πνεύματι

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¹ Σιλουανός, οῦ, ὁ, Silvanus. ² Τιμόθεος, ου, ὁ, Timothy. ³ Θεσσαλονικεύς, ἐως, ὁ, Thessalonian. ⁴ μνεία, ας, ή, remembrance, mention. ⁵ ἀδιαλείπτως, constantly, unceasingly. ⁶ μνημονεύω, remember, make mention of. ⁷ κόπος, ου, ὁ, labor, trouble. ⁸ ἐκλογή, ῆς, ἡ, (divine) selection, choice.

άγίω, καὶ ἐν πληροφορία πολλῆ, καθώς οἴδατε οἷοι² έγενήθημεν έν ύμιν δι' ύμας. Καὶ ύμεις μιμηταί ήμων 6 έγενήθητε καὶ τοῦ κυρίου, δεξάμενοι τὸν λόγον ἐν θλίψει πολλή μετὰ χαρᾶς πνεύματος άγίου, ώστε 7 γενέσθαι ύμας τύπους 4 πάσιν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν ἐν τῆ Μακεδονία καὶ τῆ ἀγαϊα. ἀ Αφ' ὑμῶν γὰρ ἐξήγηται δ 8 λόγος τοῦ κυρίου οὐ μόνον ἐν τῆ Μακεδονία⁵ καὶ ἐν τῆ ἀχαΐα, άλλὰ καὶ ἐν παντὶ τόπω ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν ἡ πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ἐξελήλυθεν, ὥστε μὴ χρείαν ἡμᾶς ἔχειν λαλεῖν τι. Αὐτοὶ γὰρ περὶ ἡμῶν ἀπαγγέλλουσιν 9 όποίαν⁸ εἴσοδον⁹ ἔσχομεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, καὶ πῶς ἐπεστρέψατε πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ἀπὸ τῶν εἰδώλων. $^{^{10}}$ δουλεύειν 11 θε $\tilde{\omega}$ ζ $\tilde{\omega}$ ντι καὶ άληθιν $\tilde{\omega}$, 12 καὶ άναμένειν 13 10 τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ τῶν νεκρών, Ἰησοῦν, τὸν ῥυόμενον ή ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς ὀργῆς τῆς ἐρχομένης.

¹ πληροφορία, ας, ή, full assurance, certainty. ² οἷος, such as, of what kind. ³ μμητής, οῦ, ὁ, imitator. ⁴ τύπος, ου, ὁ, mark, example. ⁵ Μακεδονία, ας, ή, Macedonia. ⁶ Άχαΐα, ας, ή, Achaia. ⁷ ἐξηχέω, sound out. ⁸ ὁποῖος, what sort of, what kind of. ⁹ εἴσοδος, ου, ή, entrance, entering. ¹⁰ εἴδωλον, ου, τό, image, idol. ¹¹ δουλεύω, serve, am a slave. ¹² ἀληθινός, true, genuine. ¹³ ἀναμένω, wait for, expect. ¹⁴ ρύομαι, rescue, save.

Αὐτοὶ γὰρ οἴδατε, ἀδελφοί, τὴν εἴσοδον 1 ἡμῶν τὴν πρὸς 2 ύμᾶς, ὅτι οὐ κενὴ² γέγονεν: ἀλλὰ προπαθόντες³ καὶ 2 ύβρισθέντες, καθώς οἴδατε, ἐν Φιλίπποις, ἐπαρρησιασάμεθα ἐν τῷ θεῷ ἡμῶν λαλῆσαι πρὸς ύμᾶς τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πολλῶ ἀγῶνι. ΤΗ γὰρ 3 παράκλησις⁸ ημών οὐκ ἐκ πλάνης,° οὐδὲ ἐξ ἀκαθαρσίας, 10 οὔτε ἐν δόλω: 11 ἀλλὰ καθώς 4 δεδοκιμάσμεθα¹² ύπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ πιστευθῆναι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον, οὕτως λαλοῦμεν, οὐχ ὡς ἀνθρώποις αρέσκοντες, 13 άλλὰ τῷ θεῷ τῷ δοκιμάζοντι 12 τὰς καρδίας ήμῶν. Οὔτε γάρ ποτε ἐν λόγω κολακείας 14 5 έγενήθημεν, καθώς οἴδατε, οὔτε ἐν προφάσει 15 πλεονεξίας: 16 θεὸς μάρτυς: οὔτε ζητοῦντες έξ 6 άνθρώπων δόξαν, οὔτε ἀφ' ὑμῶν οὔτε ἀπὸ ἄλλων, δυνάμενοι ἐν βάρει 17 εἶναι, ὡς χριστοῦ ἀπόστολοι, 7

¹ εἴσοδος, ου, ἡ, entrance, entering. ² κενός, empty, vain. ³ προπάσχω, suffer previously. ⁴ ὑβρίζω, mistreat, insult. ⁵ Φίλιπποι, ων, ὁ, Philippi. ⁶ παρρησιάζομαι, speak freely or boldly, speak freely. ⁷ ἀγών, ώνος, ὁ, struggle, fight. ⁸ παράκλησις, εως, ἡ, exhortation, consolation. ⁹ πλάνη, ης, ἡ, wandering, error. ¹⁰ ἀκαθαρσία, ας, ἡ, uncleanness, impurity. ¹¹ δόλος, ου, ὁ, guile, deceit. ¹² δοκιμάζω, prove, approve. ¹³ ἀρέσκω, please, serve. ¹⁴ κολακεία, ας, ἡ, flattery. ¹⁵ πρόφασις, εως, ἡ, pretense, pretext. ¹⁶ πλεονεξία, ας, ἡ, covetousness, avarice. ¹⁷ βάρος, ους, τό, burden, weight.

άλλ' ἐγενήθημεν ἤπιοι έν μέσω ὑμῶν ὡς ἄν τροφὸς 2 θάλ π η³ τὰ ἑαυτῆς τέκνα: οὕτως, ὁμειρόμενοι ὑμῶν, 8 εὐδοκοῦμεν μεταδοῦναι ὑμῖν οὐ μόνον τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ θεοῦ, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὰς ἑαυτῶν ψυγάς, διότι⁷ άγαπητοὶ ἡμῖν γεγένησθε. Μνημονεύετε⁸ γάρ, 9 άδελφοί, τὸν κόπον ἡμῶν καὶ τὸν μόχθον:10 νυκτὸς γὰρ καὶ ἡμέρας ἐργαζόμενοι, πρὸς τὸ μὴ ἐπιβαρῆσαί¹¹ τινα ύμῶν, ἐκηρύξαμεν εἰς ὑμᾶς τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῦ θεοῦ. Ύμεῖς μάρτυρες καὶ ὁ θεός, ὡς ὁσίως 12 καὶ 10 δικαίως 13 καὶ ἀμέμπτως 14 ὑμῖν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν έγενήθημεν: καθάπερ 15 οἴδατε ώς ἕνα ἕκαστον ὑμῶν, 11ώς πατήρ τέκνα έαυτοῦ, παρακαλοῦντες ὑμᾶς καὶ παραμυθούμενοι 16 καὶ μαρτυρόμενοι, 17 εἰς τὸ 12 περιπατήσαι ύμας ἀξίως 18 τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ καλοῦντος ύμᾶς εἰς τὴν ἑαυτοῦ βασιλείαν καὶ δόξαν.

¹ ἤπιος, gentle, mild. ² τροφός, οῦ, ἡ, nurse, mother. ³ θάλπω, cherish, comfort. ⁴ ὁμείρομαι, long for, desire earnestly. ⁵ εὐδοχέω, think it good, be well pleased with. ⁶ μεταδίδωμι, give a share of, share. ⁷ διότι, because, on this account. ⁸ μνημωνεύω, remember, make mention of. ⁹ κόπος, ου, ό, labor, trouble. ¹⁰ μόχθος, ου, ό, toil, hardship. ¹¹ ἐπιβαρέω, burden weigh down, burden. ¹² ὁσίως, devoutly, piously. ¹³ δικαίως, righteously, justly. ¹⁴ ἀμέμπτως, blamelessly. ¹⁵ καθάπερ, even as, just as. ¹⁶ παραμυθέομαι, encourge, comfort. ¹⁷ μαρτύρομαι, affirm, testify. ¹⁸ ἀξίως, worthily, in a manner worthy of.

Διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ἡμεῖς εὐχαριστοῦμεν τῶ θεῷ ἀδιαλείπτως, 13 ότι παραλαβόντες λόγον ἀκοῆς παρ' ἡμῶν τοῦ θεοῦ, έδέξασθε οὐ λόγον ἀνθρώπων, ἀλλὰ καθώς ἐστιν άληθως, 3 λόγον θεού, ος καὶ ἐνεργεῖται έν υμῖν τοῖς πιστεύουσιν. Ύμεῖς γὰρ μιμηταί ἐγενήθητε, ἀδελφοί, 14 τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν τοῦ θεοῦ τῶν οὐσῶν ἐν τῆ Ἰουδαία ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ: ὅτι τὰ αὐτὰ ἐπάθετε καὶ ὑμεῖς ὑπὸ τῶν ίδίων συμφυλετών, καθώς καὶ αὐτοὶ ὑπὸ τών Ίουδαίων, τῶν καὶ τὸν κύριον ἀποκτεινάντων Ἰησοῦν 15 καὶ τοὺς ἰδίους προφήτας, καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐκδιωξάντων, ταὶ θεῶ μὴ ἀρεσκόντων, καὶ πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις ἐναντίων, κωλυόντων 10 ήμᾶς τοῖς ἔθνεσιν λαλῆσαι ἵνα σωθῶσιν, 16 εἰς τὸ ἀναπληρῶσαι11 αὐτῶν τὰς ἁμαρτίας πάντοτε: ἔΦθασεν 22 δὲ ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἡ ὀργὴ εἰς τέλος.

¹ ἀδιαλείπτως, constantly, unceasingly. ² ἀκοή, ῆς, ἡ, hearing, report. ³ ἀληθῶς, truly, really. ⁴ ἐνεργέω, work, effect. ⁵ μιμητής, οῦ, ὁ, imitator. ⁶ συμφυλέτης, ου, ὁ, fellow countryman. ⁻ ἐκδιώκω, drive out, persecute harshly. 8 ἀρέσκω, please, serve. ² ἐναντίος, opposite, hostile. ¹⁰ κωλύω, forbid, hinder. ¹¹ ἀναπληρόω, fill up, fulfill. ¹² φθάνω, come before another, anticipate.

Ήμεῖς δέ, ἀδελφοί, ἀπορφανισθέντες¹ ἀφ' ὑμῶν πρὸς 17 καιρὸν ὥρας, προσώπῳ οὐ καρδίᾳ, περισσοτέρως² ἐσπουδάσαμεν³ τὸ πρόσωπον ὑμῶν ἰδεῖν ἐν πολλῆ ἐπιθυμίᾳ: διὸ ἡθελήσαμεν ἐλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, ἐγὼ μὲν 18 Παῦλος καὶ ἄπαξ⁴ καὶ δίς,⁵ καὶ ἐνέκοψεν⁶ ἡμᾶς ὁ Σατανᾶς. Τίς γὰρ ἡμῶν ἐλπὶς ἢ χαρὰ ἢ στέφανος⁻ 19 καυχήσεως;⁵ "Η οὐχὶ καὶ ὑμεῖς, ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῆ αὐτοῦ παρουσίᾳ; ' Ύμεῖς γάρ ἐστε 20 ἡ δόξα ἡμῶν καὶ ἡ χαρά.

Διὸ μηκέτι 10 στέγοντες, 11 εὐδοκήσαμεν 12 καταλειφθῆναι 3 ἐν Ἀθήναις 14 μόνοι, καὶ ἐπέμψαμεν Τιμόθεον 15 τὸν 2 ἀδελφὸν ἡμῶν καὶ διάκονον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ συνεργὸν 16 ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ τοῦ χριστοῦ, εἰς τὸ στηρίξαι 17 ὑμᾶς καὶ παρακαλέσαι ὑμᾶς περὶ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν, 3 τὸ μηδένα σαίνεσθαι 18 ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν ταύταις: αὐτοὶ

¹ ἀπορφανίζω, make an orphan of. ² περισσώς, abundantly, exceedingly. ³ σπουδάζω, hasten, be eager. ⁴ ἄπαξ, once, once for all. ⁵ δίς, twice. ⁶ ἐγκόπτω, impede, detain. ⁷ στέφανος, ου, ό, crown, garland. ⁸ καύχησις, εως, ή, boasting, act of boasting. ⁹ παρουσία, ας, ή, presence, coming. ¹⁰ μηκέτι, no longer. ¹¹ στέγω, endure, bear. ¹² εὐδοκέω, think it good, be well pleased with. ¹³ καταλείπω, leave, leave behind. ¹⁴ Ἀθήναι, ῶν, ή, Athens. ¹⁵ Τιμόθεος, ου, ό, Timothy. ¹⁶ συνεργός, οῦ, ὁ, fellow worker. ¹⁷ στηρίζω, establish, fix firmly. ¹⁸ σαίνω, move, disturb.

γὰρ οἴδατε ὅτι εἰς τοῦτο κείμεθα. Καὶ γὰρ ὅτε πρὸς 4 ύμᾶς ήμεν, προελέγομεν² ύμῖν ὅτι μέλλομεν θλίβεσθαι, 3 καθώς καὶ ἐγένετο καὶ οἴδατε. Δ ιὰ τοῦτο 5 κάγώ, μηκέτι στέγων, έπεμψα εἰς τὸ γνῶναι τὴν πίστιν ύμῶν, μήπως ἐπείρασεν ύμᾶς ὁ πειράζων, καὶ εἰς κενὸν 7 γένηται ὁ κόπος 8 ἡμῶν. Άρτι δὲ ἐλθόντος 6 Τιμοθέου πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἀφ' ὑμῶν, καὶ εὐαγγελισαμένου ήμῖν τὴν πίστιν καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην ὑμῶν, καὶ ὅτι ἔχετε μνείαν 10 ήμῶν ἀγαθὴν πάντοτε, ἐπιποθοῦντες 11 ήμᾶς καθάπερ¹² καὶ ἡμεῖς ὑμᾶς: διὰ τοῦτο 7 ίδεῖν. παρεκλήθημεν, άδελφοί, έφ' ύμιν έπὶ πάση τῆ θλίψει καὶ ἀνάγκη $^{^{13}}$ ἡμῶν διὰ τῆς ὑμῶν πίστεως: ὅτι νῦν 8 ζώμεν, ἐὰν ὑμεῖς στήκετε 14 ἐν κυρίφ. Τίνα γὰρ 9εὐγαριστίαν 5 δυνάμεθα τῶ θεῶ ἀνταποδοῦναι 6 περὶ ύμῶν, ἐπὶ πάση τῆ χαρᾳ ἡ χαίρομεν δι' ὑμᾶς ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ θεοῦ ἡμῶν, νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας ὑπὲρ 10

¹ κεῖμαι, lie, be laid. ² προλέγω, say beforehand, forewarn. ³ θλίβω, press, oppress. ⁴ μηκέτι, no longer. ⁵ στέγω, endure, bear. ⁶ μήπως, lest in any way, lest perhaps. ⁷ κενός, empty, vain. ⁸ κόπος, ου, ό, labor, trouble. ⁹ Τιμόθεος, ου, ό, Timothy. ¹⁰ μνεία, ας, ή, remembrance, mention. ¹¹ ἐπιποθέω, long for, strain after. ¹² καθάπερ, even as, just as. ¹³ ἀνάγκη, ης, ή, necessity, distress. ¹⁴ στήκω, stand, stand fast. ¹⁵ εὐχαριστία, ας, ή, thanksgiving, thankfulness. ¹⁶ ἀνταποδίδωμι, recompense, repay.

ἐκπερισσοῦ δεόμενοι¹ εἰς τὸ ἰδεῖν ὑμῶν τὸ πρόσωπον, καὶ καταρτίσαι² τὰ ὑστερήματα³ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν;

Αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ ἡμῶν, καὶ ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν 11 Ἰησοῦς χριστός, κατευθύναι τὴν ὁδὸν ἡμῶν πρὸς ὑμᾶς: ὑμᾶς δὲ ὁ κύριος πλεονάσαι καὶ περισσεύσαι τῷ 12 ἀγάπῃ εἰς ἀλλήλους καὶ εἰς πάντας, καθάπερ καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, εἰς τὸ στηρίξαι ὑμῶν τὰς καρδίας 13 ἀμέμπτους ἐν ἀγιωσύνῃ, ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν, ἐν τῷ παρουσία τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἀγίων αὐτοῦ.

Λοιπὸν οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἐρωτῶμεν ὑμᾶς καὶ 4 παρακαλοῦμεν ἐν κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ καθὼς παρελάβετε παρ' ἡμῶν τὸ πῶς δεῖ ὑμᾶς περιπατεῖν καὶ ἀρέσκειν θεῷ, ἵνα περισσεύητε μᾶλλον. Οἴδατε γὰρ τίνας 2 παραγγελίας ²² ἐδώκαμεν ὑμῖν διὰ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. 3

¹ δέομαι, ask, request. ² καταρτίζω, mend, fit. ³ ύστέρημα, τος, τό, that which is lacking, need. ⁴ κατευθύνω, lead, direct. ⁵ πλεονάζω, superabound, make to abound. ⁶ καθάπερ, even as, just as. ⁷ στηρίζω, establish, fix firmly. ⁸ ἄμεμπτος, blameless. ⁹ άγιωσύνη, ης, ή, holiness, holy or sanctified state. ¹⁰ παρουσία, ας, ή, presence, coming. ¹¹ ἀρέσκω, please, serve. ¹² παραγγελία, ας, ή, instruction, command.

Τοῦτο γάρ ἐστιν θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ, ὁ ἁγιασμὸς¹ ὑμῶν, ἀπέχεσθαι² ύμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς πορνείας:³ εἰδέναι ἕκαστον 4 ύμῶν τὸ ἑαυτοῦ σκεῦος 4 κτᾶσθαι 5 ἐν ἁγιασμῶ 1 καὶ τιμῆ, μὴ ἐν πάθει ἐπιθυμίας, καθάπερ καὶ τὰ ἔθνη τὰ 5μὴ εἰδότα τὸν θεόν: τὸ μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν⁸ καὶ 6 πλεονεκτεῖν $^{\circ}$ ἐν τῷ πράγματι $^{\circ}$ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ: διότι εκδικος έ ό κύριος περὶ πάντων τούτων, καθώς καὶ προείπομεν 13 ὑμῖν καὶ διεμαρτυράμεθα. 14 Οὐ γὰρ 7ἐκάλεσεν ἡμᾶς ὁ θεὸς ἐπὶ ἀκαθαρσία, 15 ἀλλ' ἐν άγιασμ $\tilde{\omega}$. Τοιγαρο \tilde{v} ο άθετ $\tilde{\omega}$ ν ο άνθρωπον 8 άθετεῖ, 17 άλλὰ τὸν θεὸν τὸν καὶ δόντα τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτοῦ τὸ ἄγιον εἰς ὑμᾶς.

Περὶ δὲ τῆς φιλαδελφίας 18 οὐ χρείαν ἔχετε γράφειν ὑμῖν: 9 αὐτοὶ γὰρ ὑμεῖς θεοδίδακτοί 19 ἐστε εἰς τὸ ἀγαπῷν ἀλλήλους: καὶ γὰρ ποιεῖτε αὐτὸ εἰς πάντας τοὺς 10

¹ ἀγιασμός, οῦ, ὁ, consecration, holiness. ² ἀπέχω, received, obtain. ³ πορνεία, ας, ἡ, fornication, idolatry. ⁴ σκεῦος, ους, τό, vessel, goods (plural). ⁵ κτάομαι, acquire, win. ⁶ πάθος, ους, τό, suffering, pain. ⁷ καθάπερ, even as, just as. ⁸ ὑπερβαίνω, go beyond, trespass. ⁹ πλεονεκτέω, take advantage, take advantage of. ¹⁰ πρᾶγμα, τος, τό, deed, matter. ¹¹ διότι, because, on this account. ¹² ἔκοῖκος, ου, ὁ, avenging, punishing. ¹³ προλέγω, say beforehand, forewarn. ¹⁴ διαμαρτύρομαι, testify solemnly. ¹⁵ ἀκαθαρσία, ας, ἡ, uncleanness, impurity. ¹⁶ τοιγαροῦν, consequently, therefore. ¹⁷ ἀθετέω, reject, annul. ¹⁸ φιλαδελφία, ας, ἡ, love of brothers, brotherly love. ¹⁹ θεοδίδακτος, taught by God.

άδελφοὺς τοὺς ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Μακεδονίᾳ.¹
Παρακαλοῦμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, περισσεύειν
μᾶλλον, καὶ φιλοτιμεῖσθαι² ἡσυχάζειν,³ καὶ πράσσειν 11
τὰ ἴδια, καὶ ἐργάζεσθαι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσὶν ὑμῶν, καθὼς
ὑμῖν παρηγγείλαμεν: ἵνα περιπατῆτε εὐσχημόνως⁴ 12
πρὸς τοὺς ἔξω, καὶ μηδενὸς χρείαν ἔχητε.

Οὐ θέλομεν δὲ ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν, ἀδελφοί, περὶ τῶν 13 κεκοιμημένων, ὅνα μὴ λυπῆσθε, καθὼς καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ οἱ μὴ ἔχοντες ἐλπίδα. Εἰ γὰρ πιστεύομεν ὅτι Ἰησοῦς 14 ἀπέθανεν καὶ ἀνέστη, οὕτως καὶ ὁ θεὸς τοὺς κοιμηθέντας ὁ διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἄξει σὺν αὐτῷ. Τοῦτο 15 γὰρ ὑμῖν λέγομεν ἐν λόγῳ κυρίου, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες οἱ περιλειπόμενοι εἰς τὴν παρουσίαν τοῦ κυρίου, οὐ μὴ φθάσωμεν τοὺς κοιμηθέντας. Ὁτι αὐτὸς ὁ 16 κύριος ἐν κελεύσματι, ἐν φωνῆ ἀρχαγγέλου, ἐν καὶ ἐν

¹ Μακεδονία, ας, ή, Macedonia. ² φιλοτιμέομαι, have as an ambition, aspire to. ³ ήσυχάζω, be still, be silent. ⁴ εὐσχημόνως, becomingly, properly. ⁵ ἀγνοέω, not know, be unaware. ⁶ κοιμάομαι, sleep, fall asleep. ⁷λυπέω, grieve, pain. ⁸ περιλείπω, leave behind. ⁹παρουσία, ας, ή, presence, coming. ¹⁰ φθάνω, come before another, anticipate. ¹¹ κέλευσμα, τος, τό, shouted command, word of command. ¹² ἀρχάγγελος, ου, ό, chief angel, archangel.

σάλπιγγι 1 θεοῦ, καταβήσεται ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ, καὶ οἱ νεκροὶ ἐν χριστῷ ἀναστήσονται πρῶτον: ἔπειτα 2 ἡμεῖς 17 οἱ ζῶντες, οἱ περιλειπόμενοι, 3 ἄμα 4 σὺν αὐτοῖς ἀρπαγησόμεθα 5 ἐν νεφέλαις 6 εἰς ἀπάντησιν 7 τοῦ κυρίου εἰς ἀέρα: 8 καὶ οὕτως πάντοτε σὺν κυρίῳ ἐσόμεθα. 6 Ωστε παρακαλεῖτε ἀλλήλους ἐν τοῖς λόγοις 18 τούτοις.

Περὶ δὲ τῶν χρόνων καὶ τῶν καιρῶν, ἀδελφοί, οὐ χρείαν 5 ἔχετε ὑμῖν γράφεσθαι. Αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἀκριβῶς οἴδατε ὅτι 2 ἡ ἡμέρα κυρίου ὡς κλέπτης οἐν νυκτὶ οὕτως ἔρχεται: 3 ὅταν γὰρ λέγωσιν, Εἰρήνη καὶ ἀσφάλεια, τότε αἰφνίδιος αὐτοῖς ἐφίσταται δλεθρος, όἐν ὅπερ ἡ ὡδὶν τῆ ἐν γαστρὶ ἐχούσῃ, καὶ οὐ μὴ ἐκφύγωσιν. Ύμεῖς 4 δέ, ἀδελφοί, οὐκ ἐστὲ ἐν σκότει, ἵνα ἡ ἡμέρα ὑμᾶς ὡς κλέπτης καταλάβῃ: πάντες ὑμεῖς υἱοὶ φωτός ἐστε 5

¹ σάλπιγξ, ιγγος, ή, trumpet. ² ἔπειτα, then, after this. ³ περιλείπω, leave behind. ⁴ ἄμα, at the same time. ⁵ ἀρπάζω, seize, snatch. ⁶ νεφέλη, ης, ή, cloud. ⁷ ἀπάντησις, εως, ή, meeting, act of meeting. ⁸ ἀήρ, ος, ό, air. ⁹ ἀκριβώς, carefully, accurately. ¹⁰ κλέπτης, ου, ό, thief. ¹¹ ἀσφάλεια, ας, ή, certainty, security. ¹² αἰφνίδιος, sudden, unexpected. ¹³ ἐφίστημι, stand over, come upon. ¹⁴ δλεθρος, ου, ό, destruction, death. ¹⁵ ώδίν, ῖνος, ή, birth pang, agony. ¹⁶ γαστήρ, τρος, ή, belly, womb. ¹⁷ ἐκφεύγω, flee away, flee out. ¹⁸ καταλαμβάνω, overtake, apprehend.

καὶ υἱοὶ ἡμέρας: οὐκ ἐσμὲν νυκτὸς οὐδὲ σκότους: ἄρα 6 οὖν μὴ καθεύδωμεν¹ ώς καὶ οἱ λοιποί, ἀλλὰ γρηγορώμεν καὶ νήφωμεν. Οἱ γὰρ καθεύδοντες 7 νυκτὸς καθεύδουσιν: καὶ οἱ μεθυσκόμενοι, νυκτὸς μεθύουσιν.⁵ Ήμεῖς δέ, ἡμέρας ὄντες, νήφωμεν,³ 8 ένδυσάμενοι θ θώρακα πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης, καὶ περικεφαλαίαν,⁸ έλπίδα σωτηρίας. Ότι οὐκ ἔθετο 9 ήμᾶς ὁ θεὸς εἰς ὀργήν, ἀλλ' εἰς περιποίησιν σωτηρίας διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ, τοῦ ἀποθανόντος 10 ύπὲρ ἡμῶν, ἵνα, εἴτε γρηγορῶμεν² εἴτε καθεύδωμεν,¹ άμα 10 σὺν αὐτῷ ζήσωμεν. Δ ιὸ παρακαλεῖτε ἀλλήλους, 11καὶ οἰκοδομεῖτε εἶς τὸν ἕνα, καθώς καὶ ποιεῖτε.

Έρωτῶμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, εἰδέναι τοὺς κοπιῶντας¹¹ 12
 ἐν ὑμῖν, καὶ προϊσταμένους¹² ὑμῶν ἐν κυρίῳ, καὶ νουθετοῦντας¹³ ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἡγεῖσθαι¹⁴ αὐτοὺς ὑπὲρ 13

¹ καθεύδω, sleep. ² γρηγορέω, watch, keep watch. ³ νήφω, be sober, abstain from wine. ⁴ μεθύσκω, make drunk. ⁵ μεθύω, be drunken, am drunk. ⁶ ἐνδύω, put on, clothe. ⁷ θώραξ, ακος, ὁ, breastplate. ⁸ περικεφαλαία, ας, ἡ, helmet. ⁹ περιποίησις, εως, ἡ, preservation, acquisition. ¹⁰ ἄμα, at the same time. ¹¹ κοπιάω, toil, labor. ¹² προΐστημι, rule. ¹³ νουθετέω, admonish, exhort. ¹⁴ ἡγέομαι, lead, be chief.

έκπερισσοῦ ἐν ἀγάπη διὰ τὸ ἔργον αὐτῶν. Εἰρηνεύετε1 έν έαυτοῖς. Παρακαλοῦμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, 14 νουθετεῖτε τοὺς ἀτάκτους, παραμυθεῖσθε τοὺς ἀντέγεσθε⁶ όλιγο√ύγους,⁵ τῶν ἀσθενῶν. μακροθυμεῖτε⁸ πρὸς πάντας. Ὁρᾶτε μή τις κακὸν ἀντὶ 15 κακοῦ τινὶ ἀποδῶ: ἀλλὰ πάντοτε τὸ ἀγαθὸν διώκετε καὶ εἰς ἀλλήλους καὶ εἰς πάντας. Πάντοτε χαίρετε: 16 άδιαλείπτως $^{^{10}}$ προσεύχεσθε: ἐν παντὶ εὐχαριστεῖτε: 18τοῦτο γὰρ θέλημα θεοῦ ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς ὑμᾶς. Τὸ 19 πνεῦμα μὴ σβέννυτε: 11 προφητείας 12 μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτε: 13 20 πάντα δὲ δοκιμάζετε: ¹⁴ τὸ καλὸν κατέγετε: ¹⁵ ἀπὸ 22 παντὸς εἴδους 16 πονηροῦ ἀπέχεσθε. 17

Αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἀγιάσαι¹⁸ ὑμᾶς ὁλοτελεῖς:¹⁹ 23
 καὶ ὁλόκληρον²⁰ ὑμῶν τὸ πνεῦμα καὶ ἡ ψυχὴ καὶ τὸ
 σῶμα ἀμέμπτως²¹ ἐν τῆ παρουσία²² τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν

¹ εἰρηνεύω, bring to peace, be at peace. ² νουθετέω, admonish, exhort. ³ ἄτακτος, disorderly, unruly. ⁴ παραμυθέομαι, encourge, comfort. ⁵ δλιγόψυχος, faint-hearted, discouraged. ⁶ ἀντέχομαι, hold, hold fast. ⁻ ἀσθενής, weak, infirm. ⁵ μακροθυμέω, be patient, suffer long. ໑ ἀντί, instead of, in place of. ¹⁰ ἀδιαλείπτως, constantly, unceasingly. ¹¹ σβέννυμι, quench, extinguish. ¹² προφητεία, ας, ἡ, prophecy. ¹³ ἐξουθενέω, despise, ignore. ¹⁴ δοκιμάζω, prove, approve. ¹⁵ κατέχω, hold back, hold fast. ¹⁶ είδος, ους, τό, form, sight. ¹⁻ ἀπέχω, received, obtain. ¹² ἀγιάζω, make holy, consecrate. ¹⁰ όλοτελής, in every way complete, perfect. ²⁰ όλόκληρος, whole, complete. ²¹ ἀμέμπτως, blamelessly. ²² παρουσία, ας, ἡ, presence, coming.

Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ τηρηθείη. Πιστὸς ὁ καλῶν ὑμᾶς, δς 24 καὶ ποιήσει.

Άδελφοί, προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν.

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Ασπάσασθε τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς πάντας ἐν φιλήματι¹ ἁγίῳ. 26 Ὁρκίζω² ὑμᾶς τὸν κύριον, ἀναγνωσθῆναι τὴν ἐπιστολὴν³ πᾶσιν τοῖς ἁγίοις ἀδελφοῖς.

Ή χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ μεθ' ὑμῶν. 28 Ἰμήν.

 $^{^1}$ φίλημα, τος, τό, kiss. 2 δρκίζω, adjure, implore. 3 ἐπιστολή, ῆς, ἡ, letter, dispatch.