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Paulos's first letter to the believers in
Thessalonikai

Introduction

Thessalonikai was the capital city of the Romaios province of Makedonia (and is now the large, modern city of Thessaloniki in Greece). Paulos taught God's message there in Thessalonikai after he left Filippou (Acts 17:1-4). Before long, there was disagreement from Yehudim upset about Paulos's preaching to non-Jews (Acts 17:5-9). So Paulos was forced to leave Thessalonikai and he went on to Beroia (Acts 17:10-13). Then after a while he went on to Athainai (Acts 17:14-15). Finally, he continued on to Korinthos (Acts 18:1-17). On his arrival there, he heard Timotheos's account of his other work. He had been told by Timotheos about the what the group of believers there in Thessalonikai had been facing. Paulos wrote this *First letter of Paulos to the believers in Thessalonikai* in order to encourage and strengthen the believers there. He gave thanks for the account about their faith and their love. He also reminded them about the lifestyle that he demonstrated to them while he was still there with them. He answered questions again from the believers concerning the return of the messiah, and if the deceased believers would come back to life before the messiah returns. Paulos used this letter to tell them it's necessary that they continue to work in their day-to-day jobs while they wait for the return of the messiah.

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, Silas, and Timotheos.

It's written to the assembly of believers in **God** the father and **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** there in Thessalonikai.[1]

May God give his grace and peace to all of you.

Paulos praises the believers

2 We here are always thanking **God** for all of you and remembering you in our prayers—always **3** remembering before our **God** and father about your striving for the faith and the labour of love and the endurance of the hope in our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah.** **4** Brothers and sisters, we know that you're all loved by **God**—the one who chose you. **5** The good message that we brought wasn't just any old message, but also comes in **the** holy **spirit** with power and with full assurance of its truth. You know how we lived among you because of our concern for you all, **6** and then you all imitated both us and the **master** after receiving the message in tribulation with a lot **of** excitement about **the** holy **spirit**[2]— **7** so much so that you all became examples to all the believers in Makedonia and Akaia. **8** So now the message of the **master** has been heard not only in Makedonia and Akaia, but in every place where your faith towards **God** has been seen—so that now we don't even need to say anything. **9** They've been reporting back to us about kindly we were accepted by you all and how you all turned from idols to God, to serve **the** living and true God **10** and waiting for his son, Yeshua to return from the heavens. **Yeshua** is the one that he brought back to life and who rescues us from God's severe anger which is coming.

Paulos recalls his visit to Thessalonikai

2:1 Brothers and sisters, you yourselves know that our going to Thessalonikai wasn't wasted, **2** but after previously suffering and being mistreated in Filippou (Philippi),[3] we spoke boldly at your place with God's help, to tell you all the good message from God despite a lot of oppo-

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1:1 Paulos, and Silouanos, and Timotheos, to_the assembly of_the_ones_from_Thessalonika^{y} in **god** the_father and the_**master Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_one/messiah**: grace to_you_all and peace.

2 We_are_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ _**god** always concerning all of_you, remembrance making in the prayers of_us, unceasingly **3** remembering of_ _you_all about_the work of_ ~~the~~ _faith, and the labour of_ ~~the~~ _love, and the endurance of_ ~~the~~ _ _hope of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_ _one/messiah**, before the **god** and father of_us, **4** having_known, brothers having_been_loved by ~~the~~ **god**, the choice of_you_all, **5** because the good_message of_us not was_become to you_all in message only, but also in power, and in the_ _**spirit** holy, and full_assurance much, as you_all_ _have_known such_as we_were_become you_all because_of you_all. **6** And you_all imitators of_us were_become and of_the **master**, having_ _received the message in tribulation much with the_joy of_the_**spirit** holy, **7** so_as to_become you_all examples to_all the ones believing in ~~the~~ Makedonia and in ~~the~~ Aḳaia. **8** From for you_all has_been_sounded_out the message of_the **master**, not only in ~~the~~ Makedonia and in ~~the~~ Aḳaia, but in every place the faith of_you_all ~~which~~ toward ~~the~~ **god** has_come_out, so_as no need to_be_having us to_be_speaking anything. **9** For/Because they concerning us are_reporting what_kind entrance we_had to you_all, and how you_all_turned_back to ~~the~~ **god** from ~~the~~ idols, to_ _be_serving for_the_**god** living and true, **10** and to_be_waiting for_the son of_him from the heavens, whom he_raised from the dead, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, the one rescuing us from the severe_anger ~~which~~ coming.

2:1 For/Because yourselves you_all_have_known, brothers, the entrance of_us ~~which~~ to you_all, that not vain it_has_become, **2** but having_previously_ _suffered and having_been_mistreated, as you_ _all_have_known, in Filippou we_spoke_boldly in the **god** of_us, to_speak to you_all the good_ _message of_ ~~the~~ _**god** among much struggle. **3** For/Because the exhortation of_us not of

1 RV 1:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 17:1.

2 RV 1:6 · Cross-ref. Acts 17:5-9.

3 RV 2:2 · Cross-ref. Acts 16:19-24.

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deception, nor of impurity, nor in deceit, **4** but as
we_have_been_approved by ~~the~~ **god**, to_be_
_entrusted the good_message, thus we_are_
_speaking, not as to_people bringing_pleasure,
but to_**god**, the one approving the hearts of_us.
5 For/Because neither once with message of_
_flattery we_were_become, as you_all_have_
_known, nor with a_under_pretense for_
_greediness (**god** is witness) **6** nor seeking from
people glory, neither from you_all, nor from
others, **7** being_able in burden to_be, as of_
_chosen_one/messiah ambassadors. But we_
_were_become infants in the_midst of_you_all, as
~~if~~ a_nursing_mother may_be_cherishing the of_
_herself children. **8** Thus longing for_you_all, we_
_were_taking_pleasure to_share with_you_all, not
only the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but also the
of_ourselves lives, because beloved to_us you_all_
_were_become. **9** For/Because you_all_are_
_remembering, brothers, the labour of_us and ~~the~~
hardship, night and day working, in_order that
not to_burden anyone of_you_all, we_proclaimed
to you_all the good_message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **10** You_
_all are witnesses and ~~the~~ **god**, how devoutly, and
justly, and blamelessly, to_you_all the ones
believing we_were_become, **11** just_as you_all_
_have_known how one each of_you_all, as a_
_father to_children of_himself, **12** exhorting you_
_all, and consoling, and testifying, in_order that
to_be_walking you_all worthily of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the
one having_called you_all into the of_himself
kingdom and glory. **13** And because_of this also
we are_giving_thanks to_ ~~the~~ **_god** unceasingly
that having_received the_message by_hearing
from us of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, you_all_received not the_
_message of_humans, but as truly it_is, the_
message of**god**, which also is_working in you_
_all ~~which~~ believing. **14** For/Because you_all
imitators were_become, brothers, of_the
assemblies of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, ~~which~~ being in ~~the~~ Youdaia
in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**,
because the same things you_all_suffered, also
you_all by your own fellow-countrymen, as also
they did by the Youdaiōns, **15** who both the
master having_killed_off **Ya^{y}sous**, and their
prophets, and us having_driven_out, and to_**god**
not bringing_pleasure, but to_all people of_
_contrary, **16** forbidding us to_the pagans to_

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sition there.[4] **3** As we recommend a change in your
lifestyles, we don't do it with deception or impu-
rity or deceit, **4** but since God has approved us and
entrusted the good message to us, that's what we
talk about. We don't aim to bring pleasure to peo-
ple, but rather to bring them **to God**—the one who
approves our inner motives. **5** As you all know, we
never once came with a message of flattery, nor
did we come under any pretenses (**God is** our wit-
ness) trying to get anything from you, **6** nor did we
try to earn respect from people—neither from you
all nor from anyone else **7** even though we could
request support as ambassadors **of Messiah**. But
we became unsophisticated among you, just like
children, or like a breast-feeding mother who
cherishes her own children. **8** So in longing for you
all like that, we were happy to share with you
all—not only the good message from **God**, but also
exposing our own lives because you all became
dear to us. **9** Brothers and sisters, you're remem-
bering our work and the hardship that we en-
dured, working day and night so that we wouldn't
burden any of you as we proclaimed good message
from **God**.

10 You're all witnesses, and **God** also, as to how
devoutly and justly and blamelessly we were to
the believers, **11** just as each one of you who's a fa-
ther to his own children has known **12** how to en-
courage and to console them. We testified to you
so that you all would live lives worthy **of God**—the
one who invited you into his kingdom and to
share his honour.

13 We also never stop thanking **God** that when
you accepted **God's** message that you heard from
us, it wasn't a message from humans, but truly
was a message from **God** who is working in all of
you who believed. **14** Brothers and sisters, you be-
came imitators of the other assemblies **of God** in
Yehudah (Judea) which are founded on **Messiah**
Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus). You all suffered the
same things from your own countrymen that the
strict Yehudim (Jews) did to them.[5] **15** They exe-
cuted their own prophets as well as the **master**

4 **RV 2:2 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:1-9.

5 **RV 2:14 · Cross-ref.** Acts 17:5.

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Yeshua. They drove us out,[6] displeasing **God** and contrary to all people— **16** forbidding us from telling non-Jews that they need to be saved so that they stay in their sins, but God's severe anger will finish them off.

Paulos's desire to visit Thessalonikai again

17 But we, brothers and sisters, have been cut off from you for a while, but only physically and not in our hearts, in fact we long to see you even more. **18** We wanted to come and see you all—I, Paulos, even tried twice to come—but Satan held us back. **19** Because who is it that encourages and pleases us and that we can brag about? Won't it be you all there in front of our **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) when he returns, **20** because you all make us both happy and proud.

3:1 When we could endure it no longer, we were happy to be left alone in Athainai.[7] **2** We sent Timotheos, who's our brother and **God's** servant in the **messiah's** good message, so that he could strengthen you all and encourage you in your faith **3** so that no one will be upset by these difficulties because you all know that God has appointed us for those. **4** Also, when we were with you all previously, we told you that we were going to be oppressed, and then it happened as you know. **5** So again when I could no longer endure it, I sent Timotheos to find out about your faith, just in case you'd been tempted by the tempter and then our work there would have been wasted.

6 But now Timotheos's returned here to us,[8] telling us the good news about your faith and love, and how you're always mentioning good things about us and wanting to see us, just like we'd like to see all of you. **7** So even in our distress and sufferings, we're comforted by your faith, brothers and sisters **8** because now we can live happily since you're all standing firm in **Yahweh**. **9** We're not able to repay God for the thankfulness that we have about you, because we are certainly thrilled in **God's** presence because of you all.

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_speak, in_order_that they_may_be_saved, because/for which to_fulfill of_them the sins always. But came on them the severe_anger to end.

17 But we, brothers, having_been_orphaned of you_all, because/for the_time of_an_hour, in_face not in_heart, more_abundantly we_were_earnest the face of_you_all to_see with great desire. **18** Because we_wanted to_come to you_all, I indeed Paulos, both once and twice, and hindered us ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān). **19** For/Because who is of_us the_hope or the_joy or the_crown of_boasting? Or not are even you_all, before the **master** of_us, **Yaʸsous**, at the of_him coming? **20** For/Because you_all are the glory of_us, and the joy.
3:1 Therefore no_longer enduring, we_took_ _pleasure to_be_left in Athaʸnai alone, **2** and we_ _sent Timotheos, the brother of_us, and servant of_ ~~the~~ _**god** in the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, in_order that to_strengthen you_ _all and to_exhort, concerning the faith of_you_ _all, **3** that no_one to_be_being_disturbed by ~~the~~ tribulations these. For/Because yourselves you_ _all_have_known that for this we_are_appointing. **4** For/Because also when with you_all we_were, we_were_previously_saying to_you_all that we_ _are_going to_be_being_oppressed, as also it_ _became and you_all_have_known. **5** Because_of this also_I no_longer enduring, I_sent in_order that to_know the faith of_you_all, lest somehow tempted you_all the one tempting, and in vain may_become the labour of_us. **6** But now having_ _come Timotheos to us from you_all, and having_ _good_message_preached to_us about_the faith and the love of_you_all, and that you_all_are_ _having a_mentioning of_us good always, longing us to_see, just_as also we you_all. **7** Because_of this we_were_comforted, brothers, by you_all in all the hardship and tribulation of_us, through the of_you_all faith. **8** Because now we_are_living, if you_all are_standing_firm in the_**master**. **9** For/Because what thanksgiving we_are_being_ _able to_the to_**god** to_repay concerning you_all, because/for all the joy that we_are_rejoicing because_of you_all, before the **god** of_us. **10** Night and day, beyond_exceedingly beseeching in_

6 RV 2:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 9:23,29; 13:45,50; 14:2,5,19; 17:5,13; 18:12.

7 RV 3:1 · Cross-ref. Acts 17:15.

8 RV 3:6 · Cross-ref. Acts 18:5.

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_order that to_see of_you_all the face, and to_
_prepare the lacking things in_the faith of_you_
_all? **11** And himself the **god** and father of_us, and
the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**, might_
_direct the way of_us to you_all. **12** And you_all
the **master** might_be_plentiful and might_be_
_plentiful ~~the~~ in_love toward one_another, and
toward all, just_as also we toward you_all, **13** in_
_order that to_strengthen of_you_all the hearts,
blameless in holiness before the **god** and father
of_us, at the coming of_the **master** of_us,
Ya^{y}sous, with all the holy ones of_him. Truly.

4:1 Therefore finally, brothers, we_are_asking
you_all and we_are_exhorting in the_**master**
Ya^{y}sous, as you_all_received from us, ~~which~~ how
it_is_fitting you_all to_be_walking and to_be_
_bringing_pleasure to_**god** (as even you_all_are_
_walking), in_order_that you_all_may_be_being_
_plentiful more. **2** For/Because you_all_have_
_known what_all charges we_gave to_you_all
through the **master Ya^{y}sous**. **3** For/Because this
is the_will of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, the holiness of_you_all,
to_be_keeping_away you_all from ~~the~~ sexual_
_immorality, **4** to_have_known each of_you_all
the of_himself vessel, to_be_acquiring in holiness
and honour, **5** not in the_passion of_lust, just_as
also the pagans ~~which~~ not having_known ~~the~~ **god**,
6 ~~which~~ not to_be_going_beyond and to_be_
_exploiting in the matter the brother of_him,
because avenging is the_**master** concerning all
these things, as also we_previously_said to_you_
_all and we_testified. **7** For/Because not called us
~~the~~ **god** to impurity, but in holiness. **8** So_then the
one rejecting this, not a_human is_rejecting, but
~~the~~ **god**, the one giving the **spirit** of_him ~~the~~ holy
to you_all. **9** And concerning ~~the~~ brotherly_love,
no need you_all_are_having for_me to_be_writing
to_you_all, because/for yourselves you_all
god-taught are, in_order that to_be_loving one_
_another. **10** For/Because also you_all_are_doing
it toward all the brothers, who are in all ~~the~~
Makedonia. But we_are_exhorting you_all,
brothers, to_be_being_plentiful more, **11** and to_
_be_being_ambitious to_be_living_quietly and to_
_be_doing your own things, and to_be_working
with_your own hands of_you_all, as to_you_all
we_commanded, **12** in_order_that you_all_may_
_be_walking properly toward the ones outside,
and of_nothing need you_all_may_be_having.

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10 Day and night we're strongly requesting God
that we'll be able to go and see you all again, and
to teach anything that's lacking in your faith,
11 and that **God** our father himself and our **master**
Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) might show us how we
could get to you all.

12 May the **master** increase your numbers and
give you all an excess of love towards each other
and toward everyone, just like we also have to-
ward all of you, **13** in order to strengthen your
faith and make you blameless and spotless before
our father **God**, when our **master Yeshua** comes
with all his holy people. May it be so.

Living to please God

4:1 So finally, brothers and
sisters, you learnt from us about how to live in a
way that pleases **God** as indeed you are. Now we
are requesting you all, and we're instructing you
from **the master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to do
this even more, **2** because you all know the in-
structions that we gave to you through the **mas-**
ter Yeshua. **3** Because this is **God's** will: that you
all stay holy, keeping away from all sexual im-
morality, **4** knowing that each of your bodies is like
a container that you can fill with holiness and
honour. **5** Don't fill them with lustful passions like
those who don't know **God**, **6** nor going beyond
lusts and exploiting your fellow believers, because
Yahweh is **the** one who avenges all those things as
we've told you before and testified to you all.
7 **God** has not called us to impurity but to holiness,
8 so anyone who rejects this is not rejecting a hu-
man but rejecting **God**—the one who gives his
holy **spirit** to you all.

9 Then concerning brotherly love, you don't
need me to write about that because you your-
selves have been taught by God to be loving each
other **10** and because you're all already doing it to
the believers all over Makedonia. But we advise
you, brothers and sisters to do it even more **11** and
to make it your ambition to live quietly and to
look after your own selves. Work with your own
hands as we instructed you, **12** so that you have a
good attitude towards non-believers and so that
you don't have any outstanding needs.

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The master's return

13 But we don't want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, about those who've died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope, **14** because if we believe that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) died and came back to life, then we can also believe that when he returns, **Yeshua** will be bringing with him those who have died. **15** So this is what we're saying in Yahweh's message: those who are still living when the **master** returns, we certainly won't precede those who've already died[9] **16** because there'll be an announcement from the archangel and **God's** trumpet will sound and then the **master** will come down from heaven with a loud shout. The dead believers in **Messiah** will come to life again first,[10] **17** then we who are still alive will be pulled up into the clouds together with them to meet the **master** in the air, and from then will always remain with **Yahweh**. **18** So when someone dies, comfort each other with those truths.

5:1 Concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you don't need anything to be written **2** because you already know that **Yahweh's** day will come like a thief comes at night.[11] **3** Just when they're saying there's peace and security, then they'll suddenly recognise the imminent destruction, like a pregnant woman having birth pains. They certainly won't be able to escape, **4** but you, brothers and sisters, aren't in darkness and likely to get surprised by a thief in the night **5** because you're all children of the light and of the day. No, we're not part of the night or of the darkness **6** so as a result, we won't be sleeping like the others, but we'll be alert and sober. **7** Those who sleep do it at night, and those who get drunk do it at night, **8** but we belong to the day. We'll be dressed in the armour of faith and love, and the helmet which is the hope of our salvation.[12] **9** **God** hasn't assigned us to his severe anger, but rather for obtaining salvation through our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**— **10** the one who was executed on

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13 Not but we_are_wanting you_all to_be_not_ _knowing, brothers, concerning the ones being_ _fallen_asleep, in_order_that not you_all _may_ _be_being_sorrowed, as also the rest, the ones not having hope. **14** For/Because if we_are_believing that **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** died_off and rose_up, thus also ~~the~~ **god** the ones having_been_fallen_ _asleep through ~~the~~ **Ya^{y}sous** will_be_bringing with him. **15** For/Because this to_you_all we_are_ _saying in the_message of_the_**master**, that we the ones living, ~~which~~ being_remaining to the coming of_the **master**, by_no_means not may_ _precede the ones having_been_fallen_asleep. **16** Because himself the **master** with a_loud_ _command, with the_voice of_an_archangel, and with the_trumpet of_**god**, will_be_coming_down from heaven, and the dead in **chosen_ _one/messiah** will_be_rising_up first, **17** then we the ones living, ~~which~~ being_remaining together with them, will_be_being_snatched in the_clouds for the_meeting of_the **master** in the_air, and thus always with the_**master** we_will_be. **18** So_ _then be_comforting one_another with ~~the~~ messages these.

5:1 And concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, no need you_all_are_having to_you_all to_be_being_written. **2** For/Because yourselves exactly you_all_have_known that the_day of_the_ _**master**, as a_thief by night thus is_coming. **3** Whenever they_may_be_saying: Peace and security, then sudden is_recognizing to_them destruction, as the birth_pains to_the woman in pregnant having a_child, and by_no_means not they_may_escape. **4** But you_all, brothers, not are in darkness, in_order_that the day you_all like thieves may_grasp. **5** For/Because all you_all sons of_light are, and sons of_day. Neither we_are of_ _night nor of_darkness. **6** Therefore consequently not we_may_be_sleeping as the rest, but we_may_ _be_watching and we_may_be_being_sober. **7** For/Because the ones sleeping, by_night are_ _sleeping, and the ones being_drunk, by_night are_being_drunk. **8** But we of_the_day being, may_be_being_sober, having_dressed_in the_ _breastplate of_faith and love, and the_helmet, the_hope of_salvation. **9** Because not appointed

9 **RV 4:15-17 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:51-52.

10 **RV 4:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:51-52.

11 **RV 5:2 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:43; Luk 12:39; 2Pe 3:10.

12 **RV 5:8 · Cross-ref.** Isa 59:17; Eph 6:13-17.

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~~the~~ **god** us for severe_anger, but for procuring of_
_salvation through the **master** of_us,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah,
10 the one having_died_off for us, in_order_that
whether we_may_be_watching or we_may_be_
_sleeping, together with him we_may_live.
11 Therefore be_comforting one_another, and be_
_building one ~~the~~ one, as also you_all_are_doing.

12 But we_are_asking you_all, brothers, to_have_
_known the ones labouring among you_all, and
leading of_you_all in the_**master**, and
admonishing you_all, **13** and to_be_considering
them beyond_exceedingly in love, because_of the
work of_them. Be_being_at_peace among
yourselves. **14** And we_are_exhorting you_all,
brothers, be_admonishing the lazy, be_consoling
the fainthearted, be_upholding of_the weak, be_
_being_patient toward all. **15** Be_seeing not
someone evil for evil to_anyone may_give_back,
but always the good be_pursuing, and toward
one_another and toward all. **16** Always be_
_rejoicing. **17** Unceasingly be_praying. **18** In
everything be_giving_thanks, because/for this is
the_will of_**god** in **chosen_one/messiah Ya^{y}sous**
toward you_all. **19** The **spirit** not be_
_extinguishing. **20** Prophesies not be_scorning.
21 All things be_approving, the good be_keeping.
22 From every appearance of_evil be_keeping_
away. **23** And himself ~~the~~ **god** of ~~the~~ _peace
might_sanctify you_all complete, and complete
of_you_all the spirit, and ~~the~~ soul, and ~~the~~ body,
blamelessly at the coming of_the **master** of_us,
Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah,
might_have_kept. **24** Faithful is the one calling
you_all, who also will_be_performing it.
25 Brothers, be_praying also for us. **26** Greet the
brothers all with a_kiss holy. **27** I_am_adjuring
you_all by_the **master**, to_be_read my letter to_
_all the brothers. **28** The grace of_the **master** of_
_us, **Ya^{y}sous chosen_one/messiah**, with you_all
be. Truly.

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our behalf so that whether we might be alert and watching, or whether we're dead and 'sleeping', either way we'll all live together with him. **11** So comfort and encourage each other as you've all been doing already.

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12 But we're asking you, brothers and sisters, to be aware of the people who are working among you all and the ones leading you in **Yahweh** and instructing you all, **13** and show them love over-and-beyond because of their work. Be at peace with each other.

14 We advise you, brothers and sisters, to scold those who are lazy, comfort those who are discouraged, help the weak up, and be patient towards everyone. **15** Don't let anyone repay evil for evil, but always be doing what is good towards each other and towards everyone else.

16 Always find something to be happy about. **17** Never stop praying, **18** thanking God **about** everything.

This is what **God** wants for you in **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus): **19** Don't smother the holy **spirit**. **20** Don't scorn prophesies. **21** Evaluate everything, holding on to what's good **22** but keeping away from everything that seems to be evil.

23 May the **God** of peace himself make you completely holy and may your entire spirits, souls, and bodies be kept irreproachable at the returning of our **master Yeshua Messiah**. **24** The one calling you all is faithful and he will also see it through.

25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us also.

26 Greet the brothers with a holy kiss for me.

27 I request you by the **master** to read my letter to all the believers there.

28 May you all experience the grace that comes

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from our **master Yeshua Messiah.** May it be so.

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