

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

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1 Paul¹, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ¹ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We always give thanks to God for you, mentioning our prayers, remembering without ceasing of your work of faith and labour of love and perseverance in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father.⁴ We know, brothers,² loved by God, that are chosen, that the Good News came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and with much assurance. You know what

¹ + 1:1 "Christ" means "Anointed One".

² + 1:4 The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."

kind|strong = "G3634" of|strong = "G3056" men|strong = "G3634"
 we|strong = "G2249" showed ourselves|strong = "G2249" to|strong = "G1519"
 be|strong = "G1096" amongst you|strong = "G5210" for|strong = "G1519"
 your|strong = "G2532" sake|strong = "G1223". ⁶ You|strong = "G5210"
 became|strong = "G1096" imitators|strong = "G3402" of|strong = "G3056"
 us|strong = "G1722" and|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G3056"
 the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962", having|strong = "G4151"
 received|strong = "G1209" the|strong = "G3588" word|strong = "G3056"
 in|strong = "G1722" much|strong = "G4183" affliction|strong = "G2347",
 with|strong = "G3326" joy|strong = "G5479" of|strong = "G3056"
 the|strong = "G3588" Holy|strong = "G0040" Spirit|strong = "G4151", ⁷
 so|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G4100" you|strong = "G5210"
 became|strong = "G1096" an|strong = "G1096" example to|strong = "G2532"
 all|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" believe|strong = "G4100"
 in|strong = "G1722" Macedonia|strong = "G3109" and|strong = "G2532"
 in|strong = "G1722" Achaia|strong = "G0882". ⁸ For|strong = "G1063"
 from|strong = "G0575" you|strong = "G5210" the|strong = "G3956"
 word|strong = "G3056" of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G3956"
 Lord|strong = "G2962" has|strong = "G2192" been|strong = "G2192"
 declared|strong = "G2980", not|strong = "G3756" only|strong = "G3440"
 in|strong = "G1722" Macedonia|strong = "G3109" and|strong = "G2532"
 Achaia|strong = "G0882", but|strong = "G0235" also|strong = "G2532"
 in|strong = "G1722" every|strong = "G3956" place|strong = "G5117"
 your|strong = "G2962" faith|strong = "G4102" towards God|strong = "G2316"
 has|strong = "G2192" gone|strong = "G1831" out|strong = "G1831",
 so|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G5620" we|strong = "G2249"
 need|strong = "G5532" not|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G4314"
 say|strong = "G2980" anything|strong = "G5100". ⁹ For|strong = "G1063"
 they|strong = "G0846" themselves|strong = "G0846" report|strong = "G0518"
 concerning|strong = "G4012" us|strong = "G4012" what|strong = "G3588"
 kind|strong = "G3697" of|strong = "G0575" a|strong = "G2192"
 reception|strong = "G1529" we|strong = "G2249" had|strong = "G2192"
 from|strong = "G0575" you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532"
 how|strong = "G4459" you|strong = "G5210" turned|strong = "G1994"
 to|strong = "G4314" God|strong = "G2316" from|strong = "G0575"
 idols|strong = "G1497" to|strong = "G4314" serve|strong = "G1398"
 a|strong = "G2192" living|strong = "G2198" and|strong = "G2532"
 true|strong = "G0228" God|strong = "G2316", ¹⁰ and|strong = "G2532"
 to|strong = "G2064" wait|strong = "G0362" for|strong = "G1537"
 his|strong = "G0846" Son|strong = "G5207" from|strong = "G1537"
 heaven|strong = "G3772", whom|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G2532"
 raised|strong = "G1453" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G3588"
 dead|strong = "G3498": Jesus|strong = "G2424", who|strong = "G3739"
 delivers us|strong = "G1537" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G3588"
 wrath|strong = "G3709" to|strong = "G2064" come|strong = "G2064".

2For|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G0846"
 know|strong="G1492", brothers|strong="G0080", our|strong="G0080"
 visit to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210" wasn't|strong="G3756"
 in|strong="G1096" vain|strong="G2756", ² but|strong="G0235" having
 suffered before|strong="G4314" and|strong="G2532"
 been|strong="G2532" shamefully treated, as|strong="G2531"
 you|strong="G5210" know|strong="G1492", at|strong="G1722"
 Philippi|strong="G5375", we|strong="G2249" grew bold
 in|strong="G1722" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"
 to|strong="G4314" tell|strong="G2980" you|strong="G5210"
 the|strong="G3588" Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098"
 of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316" in|strong="G1722"
 much|strong="G4183" conflict|strong="G0073". ³ For|strong="G1063"
 our|strong="G1722" exhortation|strong="G3874" is|strong="G3588"
 not|strong="G3756" of|strong="G1537" error|strong="G4106",
 nor|strong="G3761" of|strong="G1537" uncleanness|strong="G0167",
 nor|strong="G3761" in|strong="G1722" deception|strong="G4106". ⁴
 But|strong="G0235" even as|strong="G5613" we|strong="G2249"
 have|strong="G1473" been|strong="G3756" approved by|strong="G5259"
 God|strong="G2316" to|strong="G2980" be|strong="G2316"
 entrusted|strong="G4100" with|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588"
 Good|strong="G2098" News|strong="G2098", so|strong="G3779"
 we|strong="G2249" speak|strong="G2980"—not|strong="G3756"
 as|strong="G5613" pleasing|strong="G0700" men|strong="G0444",
 but|strong="G0235" God|strong="G2316", who|strong="G3588" tests
 our|strong="G2316" hearts|strong="G2588". ⁵ For|strong="G1063"
 neither|strong="G3777" were|strong="G1096" we|strong="G1492"
 at|strong="G1722" any|strong="G4218" time|strong="G4218"
 found|strong="G1096" using words|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056"
 flattery, as|strong="G2531" you|strong="G1722" know|strong="G1492",
 nor|strong="G3777" a|strong="G1096" cloak of|strong="G3056"
 covetousness|strong="G4124" (God|strong="G2316" is|strong="G2316"
 witness|strong="G3144"), ⁶ nor|strong="G3777" seeking|strong="G2212"
 glory|strong="G1391" from|strong="G0575" men|strong="G0444"
 (neither|strong="G3777" from|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210"
 nor|strong="G3777" from|strong="G0575" others|strong="G0243"),
 when|strong="G5613" we|strong="G1510" might|strong="G1410"
 have|strong="G1510" claimed authority|strong="G0922"
 as|strong="G5613" apostles|strong="G0652" of|strong="G1537"
 Christ|strong="G5547". ⁷ But|strong="G0235" we|strong="G1437"
 were|strong="G1510" gentle|strong="G2261" amongst
 you|strong="G5210", like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613"
 nursing|strong="G5162" mother cherishes|strong="G2282"
 her|strong="G1437" own|strong="G1438" children|strong="G5043".

8 Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not the good News of God only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you, brothers, our labour and travail; for working night and day, that we might not be burdened any of you, we preached to you the Good News of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses with God how, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves towards you who believe. ¹¹ As you know, we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you, as a father does his own children, ¹² to the end that you should walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own Kingdom and glory.

¹³ For this cause we also thank God without ceasing that when you received

from|strong="G3844" us|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"
 word|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588"
 message|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" God|strong="G2316",
 you|strong="G5210" accepted|strong="G1209" it|strong="G1223"
 not|strong="G3756" as|strong="G2531" the|strong="G3588"
 word|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" men|strong="G0444",
 but|strong="G0235" as|strong="G2531" it|strong="G1223"
 is|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722" truth, God's|strong="G2316"
 word|strong="G3056", which|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532"
 works|strong="G1754" in|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210"
 who|strong="G3739" believe|strong="G4100". ¹⁴ For|strong="G1063"
 you|strong="G5210", brothers|strong="G0080", became|strong="G1096"
 imitators|strong="G3402" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G3588"
 assemblies|strong="G1577" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"
 which|strong="G3748" are|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"
 Judea|strong="G2453" in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547"
 Jesus|strong="G2424"; for|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210"
 also|strong="G2532" suffered|strong="G3958" the|strong="G3588"
 same|strong="G0846" things|strong="G0846" from|strong="G5259"
 your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" countrymen|strong="G4853",
 even|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2531" they|strong="G0846"
 did|strong="G1510" from|strong="G5259" the|strong="G3588"
 Jews|strong="G2453" ¹⁵ who|strong="G3588" killed|strong="G0615"
 both|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962"
 Jesus|strong="G2424" and|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" own
 prophets|strong="G4396", and|strong="G2532" drove|strong="G1559" us
 out, and|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3361" please|strong="G0700"
 God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" are|strong="G3956"
 contrary|strong="G1727" to|strong="G2532" all|strong="G3956"
 men|strong="G0444", ¹⁶ forbidding|strong="G2967" us|strong="G1519"
 to|strong="G1519" speak|strong="G2980" to|strong="G1519"
 the|strong="G3588" Gentiles|strong="G1484" that|strong="G2443"
 they|strong="G0846" may|strong="G2443" be|strong="G3842"
 saved|strong="G4982", to|strong="G1519" fill|strong="G0378"
 up|strong="G1519" their|strong="G0846" sins|strong="G0266"
 always|strong="G3842". But|strong="G1161" wrath|strong="G3709"
 has|strong="G0846" come|strong="G5348" on|strong="G1909"
 them|strong="G0846" to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" uttermost.

¹⁷But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2249", brothers|strong="G0080",
 being|strong="G4771" bereaved of|strong="G0575" you|strong="G5210"
 for|strong="G4314" a|strong="G3708" short season|strong="G2540"
 in|strong="G1722" presence|strong="G4383", not|strong="G3756"
 in|strong="G1722" heart|strong="G2588", tried even|strong="G1161"
 harder to|strong="G4314" see|strong="G3708" your|strong="G3708"

face|strong = "G4383" with|strong = "G1722" great|strong = "G4183" desire|strong = "G1939", ¹⁸ because|strong = "G1360" we|strong = "G2249" wanted|strong = "G2309" to|strong = "G4314" come|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G5210"—indeed|strong = "G2532", I|strong = "G1473", Paul|strong = "G3972", once|strong = "G0530" and|strong = "G2532" again|strong = "G2532"—but|strong = "G2532" Satan|strong = "G4567" hindered|strong = "G1465" us. ¹⁹

For|strong = "G1063" what|strong = "G5101" is|strong = "G5101" our|strong = "G2424" hope|strong = "G1680", or|strong = "G2228" joy|strong = "G5479", or|strong = "G2228" crown|strong = "G4735" of|strong = "G2962" rejoicing|strong = "G5479"? Isn't|strong = "G3780" it|strong = "G0846" even|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210", before|strong = "G1715" our|strong = "G2424" Lord|strong = "G2962" Jesus|strong = "G2424" ³ at|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G0846" coming|strong = "G3952"? ²⁰ For|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G5210" are|strong = "G1510" our|strong = "G2532" glory|strong = "G1391" and|strong = "G2532" our|strong = "G2532" joy|strong = "G5479".

³Therefore|strong = "G1352" when|strong = "G1722" we|strong = "G1352" couldn't stand it|strong = "G2106" any|strong = "G3371" longer|strong = "G3371", we|strong = "G1352" thought|strong = "G2106" it|strong = "G2106" good|strong = "G2106" to|strong = "G1722" be|strong = "G3371" left|strong = "G2641" behind|strong = "G2641" at|strong = "G1722" Athens|strong = "G0116" alone|strong = "G3441", ² and|strong = "G2532" sent|strong = "G3992" Timothy|strong = "G5095", our|strong = "G2316" brother|strong = "G0080" and|strong = "G2532" God's|strong = "G2316" servant|strong = "G1249" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588" Good|strong = "G2098" News|strong = "G2098" of|strong = "G2316" Christ|strong = "G5547", to|strong = "G1519" establish|strong = "G4741" you|strong = "G5210" and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G1519" comfort|strong = "G3870" you|strong = "G5210" concerning|strong = "G5228" your|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G4102", ³ that|strong = "G3754" no|strong = "G3367" one|strong = "G3367" would|strong = "G0846" be|strong = "G3778" moved by|strong = "G1722" these|strong = "G3778" afflictions|strong = "G2347". For|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G3754" know|strong = "G1492" that|strong = "G3754" we|strong = "G3778" are|strong = "G3778" appointed|strong = "G2749" to|strong = "G1519" this|strong = "G3778" task. ⁴ For|strong = "G1063" most certainly|strong = "G3195", when|strong = "G3753" we|strong = "G2532" were|strong = "G1510" with|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G5210", we|strong = "G2532" told|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G5210" beforehand that|strong = "G3754" we|strong = "G2532" are|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G4314" suffer|strong = "G2346" affliction|strong = "G2346", even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2531"

³ + 2:19 TR adds "Christ"

it|strong = "G1510" happened|strong = "G1096", and|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" know|strong = "G1492". ⁵ For|strong = "G1519" this|strong = "G3778" cause I|strong = "G1473" also|strong = "G2532", when|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473" couldn't stand it|strong = "G1223" any|strong = "G3371" longer|strong = "G3371", sent|strong = "G3992" that|strong = "G1097" I|strong = "G1473" might|strong = "G2532" know|strong = "G1097" your|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G4102", for|strong = "G1519" fear|strong = "G3381" that|strong = "G1097" by|strong = "G1223" any|strong = "G3371" means|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G3588" tempter|strong = "G3985" had|strong = "G3588" tempted|strong = "G3985" you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532" our|strong = "G2532" labour would|strong = "G1096" have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1096" in|strong = "G1519" vain|strong = "G2756".

⁶But|strong = "G1161" Timothy|strong = "G5095" has|strong = "G2192" just|strong = "G2509" now|strong = "G1161" come|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314" us|strong = "G2097" from|strong = "G0575" you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532" brought|strong = "G2064" us|strong = "G2097" glad news|strong = "G2097" of|strong = "G0575" your|strong = "G2192" faith|strong = "G4102" and|strong = "G2532" love|strong = "G0026", and|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G5210" have|strong = "G2192" good|strong = "G0018" memories of|strong = "G0575" us|strong = "G2097" always|strong = "G3842", longing|strong = "G1971" to|strong = "G4314" see|strong = "G3708" us|strong = "G2097", even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2509" we|strong = "G2249" also|strong = "G2532" long|strong = "G1971" to|strong = "G4314" see|strong = "G3708" you|strong = "G5210". ⁷

For|strong = "G1223" this|strong = "G3778" cause, brothers|strong = "G0080", we|strong = "G2249" were|strong = "G3956" comforted|strong = "G3870" over|strong = "G1909" you|strong = "G5210" in|strong = "G1909" all|strong = "G3956" our|strong = "G2532" distress|strong = "G0318" and|strong = "G2532" affliction|strong = "G2347" through|strong = "G1223" your|strong = "G2532" faith|strong = "G4102". ⁸ For|strong = "G3754" now|strong = "G3568" we|strong = "G1437" live|strong = "G2198", if|strong = "G1437" you|strong = "G5210" stand|strong = "G4739" fast in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962". ⁹

For|strong = "G1063" what|strong = "G5101" thanksgiving|strong = "G2169" can|strong = "G1410" we|strong = "G2249" render|strong = "G0467" again to|strong = "G1909" God|strong = "G2316" for|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G5210", for|strong = "G1063" all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G3956" joy|strong = "G5479" with|strong = "G1909" which|strong = "G3739" we|strong = "G2249" rejoice|strong = "G5463" for|strong = "G1063" your|strong = "G3956" sakes|strong = "G1223" before|strong = "G1715" our|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316", ¹⁰ night|strong = "G3571" and|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250"

praying|strong="G1189" exceedingly that|strong="G3708"
 we|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532" see|strong="G3708"
 your|strong="G3708" face|strong="G4383" and|strong="G2532"
 may|strong="G2532" perfect|strong="G2675" that|strong="G3708"
 which|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588" lacking|strong="G5303"
 in|strong="G1519" your|strong="G3708" faith|strong="G4102"?"

11Now|strong="G1161" may|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2316"
 God|strong="G2316" and|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962"
 himself|strong="G0846", and|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2316"
 Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G0846",
 direct|strong="G2720" our|strong="G2316" way|strong="G3598"
 to|strong="G4314" you|strong="G5210". ¹² May|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" make|strong="G4052"
 you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G1519" increase|strong="G4121"
 and|strong="G2532" abound|strong="G4052" in|strong="G1519"
 love|strong="G0026" towards one|strong="G0240"
 another|strong="G0240" and|strong="G2532" towards all|strong="G3956"
 men|strong="G3956", even|strong="G2532" as|strong="G1519"
 we|strong="G2249" also|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532" towards
 you|strong="G5210", ¹³ to|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3956"
 end|strong="G1519" he|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532"
 establish|strong="G4741" your|strong="G2962" hearts|strong="G2588"
 blameless|strong="G0273" in|strong="G1722" holiness|strong="G0042"
 before|strong="G1715" our|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"
 and|strong="G2532" Father|strong="G3962" at|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G3956" coming|strong="G3952" of|strong="G2316"
 our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 with|strong="G3326" all|strong="G3956" his|strong="G0846"
 saints|strong="G0040".

4Finally|strong="G3063" then|strong="G2532",
 brothers|strong="G0080", we|strong="G2249" beg|strong="G2065"
 and|strong="G2532" exhort|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962"
 Jesus|strong="G2424", that|strong="G2443" as|strong="G2531"
 you|strong="G5210" received|strong="G3880" from|strong="G3844"
 us|strong="G1722" how|strong="G4459" you|strong="G5210"
 ought|strong="G1163" to|strong="G2443" walk|strong="G4043"
 and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2443" please|strong="G0700"
 God|strong="G2316", that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210"
 abound|strong="G4052" more|strong="G3123" and|strong="G2532"
 more|strong="G3123". ² For|strong="G1063" you|strong="G5210"
 know|strong="G1492" what|strong="G5101" instructions
 we|strong="G1492" gave|strong="G1325" you|strong="G5210"

through|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962" Jesus|strong = "G2424". ³ For|strong = "G1063" this|strong = "G3778" is|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G3588" will|strong = "G2307" of|strong = "G0575" God|strong = "G2316": your|strong = "G3588" sanctification|strong = "G0038", that|strong = "G3778" you|strong = "G5210" abstain|strong = "G0568" from|strong = "G0575" sexual|strong = "G4202" immorality|strong = "G4202", ⁴ that|strong = "G1438" each|strong = "G1538" one|strong = "G1538" of|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210" know|strong = "G1492" how to|strong = "G2532" control his|strong = "G1438" own|strong = "G1438" body|strong = "G4632" ⁴ in|strong = "G1722" sanctification|strong = "G0038" and|strong = "G2532" honour, ⁵ not|strong = "G3361" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588" passion|strong = "G3806" of|strong = "G2316" lust|strong = "G1939", even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G3588" Gentiles|strong = "G1484" who|strong = "G3588" don't|strong = "G3361" know|strong = "G1492" God|strong = "G2316", ⁶ that|strong = "G3778" no|strong = "G3361" one|strong = "G3778" should|strong = "G0080" take|strong = "G4122" advantage|strong = "G4122" of|strong = "G2962" and|strong = "G2532" wrong a|strong = "G2532" brother|strong = "G0080" or|strong = "G2532" sister in|strong = "G1722" this|strong = "G3778" matter|strong = "G4229"; because|strong = "G1360" the|strong = "G3956" Lord|strong = "G2962" is|strong = "G3778" an|strong = "G2532" avenger|strong = "G1558" in|strong = "G1722" all|strong = "G3956" these|strong = "G3778" things|strong = "G3778", as|strong = "G2531" also|strong = "G2532" we|strong = "G3778" forewarned you|strong = "G5210" and|strong = "G2532" testified|strong = "G1263". ⁷ For|strong = "G1063" God|strong = "G2316" called|strong = "G2564" us|strong = "G1722" not|strong = "G3756" for|strong = "G1063" uncleanness|strong = "G0167", but|strong = "G0235" in|strong = "G1722" sanctification|strong = "G0038". ⁸ Therefore|strong = "G5105" he|strong = "G2532" who|strong = "G3588" rejects|strong = "G0114" this|strong = "G3588" doesn't|strong = "G3756" reject|strong = "G0114" man|strong = "G0444", but|strong = "G0235" God|strong = "G2316", who|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2316" also|strong = "G2532" given|strong = "G1325" his|strong = "G0846" Holy|strong = "G0040" Spirit|strong = "G4151" to|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210".

⁹But|strong = "G1161" concerning|strong = "G4012" brotherly|strong = "G5360" love|strong = "G0025", you|strong = "G5210" have|strong = "G2192" no|strong = "G3756" need|strong = "G5532" that|strong = "G0846" one|strong = "G0240" write|strong = "G1125" to|strong = "G1519" you|strong = "G5210". For|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G5210" yourselves|strong = "G0846" are|strong = "G1510" taught|strong = "G2312" by|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G0846"

⁴ + 4:4 literally, possess his own vessel

to|strong="G1519" love|strong="G0025" one|strong="G0240"
 another|strong="G0240", ¹⁰ for|strong="G1063" indeed|strong="G2532"
 you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G4160" it|strong="G0846" towards
 all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956" brothers|strong="G0080"
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722"
 all|strong="G3956" Macedonia|strong="G3109". But|strong="G1161"
 we|strong="G2532" exhort|strong="G3870" you|strong="G5210",
 brothers|strong="G0080", that|strong="G3956" you|strong="G5210"
 abound|strong="G4052" more|strong="G3123" and|strong="G2532"
 more|strong="G3123"; ¹¹ and|strong="G2532" that you|strong="G5210"
 make|strong="G5389" it|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532"
 ambition|strong="G5389" to|strong="G2532" lead|strong="G2270"
 a|strong="G2532" quiet|strong="G2270" life|strong="G2270",
 and|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4238"
 your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" business, and|strong="G2532"
 to|strong="G2532" work|strong="G2038" with|strong="G2532"
 your|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" hands|strong="G5495",
 even|strong="G2532" as|strong="G2531" we|strong="G2532"
 instructed|strong="G3853" you|strong="G5210", ¹² that|strong="G2443"
 you|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532" walk|strong="G4043"
 properly|strong="G2156" towards those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" outside|strong="G1854",
 and|strong="G2532" may|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192"
 need|strong="G5532" of|strong="G2192" nothing|strong="G3367".

¹³But|strong="G1161" we|strong="G2532" don't|strong="G3756"
 want|strong="G2309" you|strong="G5210" to|strong="G2443"
 be|strong="G2532" ignorant|strong="G0050", brothers|strong="G0080",
 concerning|strong="G4012" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"
 have|strong="G2192" fallen|strong="G2837" asleep|strong="G2837",
 so|strong="G2443" that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210"
 don't|strong="G3756" grieve|strong="G3076" like|strong="G2531"
 the|strong="G3588" rest|strong="G3062", who|strong="G3588"
 have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" hope|strong="G1680". ¹⁴

For|strong="G1063" if|strong="G1487" we|strong="G1487"
 believe|strong="G4100" that|strong="G3754" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 died|strong="G0599" and|strong="G2532" rose|strong="G0450"
 again|strong="G0450", even|strong="G2532" so|strong="G2532"
 God|strong="G2316" will|strong="G2316" bring|strong="G0071"
 with|strong="G4862" him|strong="G0846" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G2532" fallen|strong="G2837"
 asleep|strong="G2837" in|strong="G2316" Jesus|strong="G2424". ¹⁵

For|strong="G1063" this|strong="G3778" we|strong="G2249"
 tell|strong="G3004" you|strong="G5210" by|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G3588" word|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056"

the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962", that|strong="G3754"
 we|strong="G2249" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778"
 alive|strong="G2198", who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3778" left
 until|strong="G1519" the|strong="G3588" coming|strong="G3952"
 of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962",
 will|strong="G2962" in|strong="G1722" no|strong="G3756"
 way|strong="G1722" precede|strong="G5348" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" have|strong="G3748" fallen|strong="G2837"
 asleep|strong="G2837". ¹⁶ For|strong="G3754" the|strong="G3588"
 Lord|strong="G2962" himself|strong="G0846" will|strong="G2316"
 descend|strong="G2597" from|strong="G0575" heaven|strong="G3772"
 with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532" shout|strong="G2752",
 with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" voice|strong="G5456"
 of|strong="G0575" the|strong="G3588" archangel|strong="G0743"
 and|strong="G2532" with|strong="G1722" God's|strong="G2316"
 trumpet|strong="G4536". The|strong="G3588" dead|strong="G3498"
 in|strong="G1722" Christ|strong="G5547" will|strong="G2316"
 rise|strong="G0450" first|strong="G4413", ¹⁷ then|strong="G2532"
 we|strong="G2249" who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510"
 alive|strong="G2198", who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G1510" left,
 will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" caught|strong="G0726"
 up|strong="G1519" together|strong="G0260" with|strong="G1722"
 them|strong="G0846" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588"
 clouds|strong="G3507" to|strong="G1519" meet|strong="G0529"
 the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G3588" air|strong="G0109". So|strong="G2532"
 we|strong="G2249" will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510"
 with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G3588" Lord|strong="G2962"
 forever|strong="G1519". ¹⁸ Therefore|strong="G5620"
 comfort|strong="G3870" one|strong="G0240" another|strong="G0240"
 with|strong="G1722" these|strong="G3778" words|strong="G3056".

5But|strong="G1161" concerning|strong="G4012" the|strong="G3588"
 times|strong="G2540" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588"
 seasons|strong="G2540", brothers|strong="G0080", you|strong="G5210"
 have|strong="G2192" no|strong="G3756" need|strong="G5532"
 that|strong="G1161" anything be|strong="G2532"
 written|strong="G1125" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210". ²
 For|strong="G1063" you|strong="G3754" yourselves|strong="G0846"
 know|strong="G1492" well|strong="G1063" that|strong="G3754"
 the|strong="G1722" day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250"
 the|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G2962" comes|strong="G2064"
 like|strong="G5613" a|strong="G5613" thief|strong="G2812"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" night|strong="G3571". ³
 For|strong="G1722" when|strong="G3752" they|strong="G0846"

are|strong = "G3588" saying|strong = "G3004", "Peace|strong = "G1515" and|strong = "G2532" safety|strong = "G0803", then|strong = "G2532" sudden|strong = "G0160" destruction|strong = "G3639" will|strong = "G2532" come|strong = "G2186" on|strong = "G1722" them|strong = "G0846", like|strong = "G5618" birth|strong = "G5604" pains|strong = "G5604" on|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G2192" pregnant|strong = "G1064" woman. Then|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G0846" will|strong = "G2532" in|strong = "G1722" no|strong = "G3756" way|strong = "G1722" escape|strong = "G1628". ⁴ But|strong = "G1161" you|strong = "G5210", brothers|strong = "G0080", aren't|strong = "G3756" in|strong = "G1722" darkness|strong = "G4655", that|strong = "G2443" the|strong = "G3588" day|strong = "G2250" should|strong = "G0080" overtake|strong = "G2638" you|strong = "G5210" like|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" thief|strong = "G2812". ⁵ You|strong = "G5210" are|strong = "G1510" all|strong = "G3956" children of|strong = "G5207" light|strong = "G5457" and|strong = "G2532" children of|strong = "G5207" the|strong = "G3956" day|strong = "G2250". We|strong = "G2532" don't|strong = "G3756" belong|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3956" night|strong = "G3571", nor|strong = "G3761" to|strong = "G2532" darkness|strong = "G4655", ⁶ so|strong = "G3767" then|strong = "G2532" let's not|strong = "G3361" sleep|strong = "G2518", as|strong = "G5613" the|strong = "G3588" rest|strong = "G3062" do|strong = "G3361", but|strong = "G0235" let's watch|strong = "G1127" and|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" sober|strong = "G3525". ⁷ For|strong = "G1063" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" sleep|strong = "G2518", sleep|strong = "G2518" in|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3588" night|strong = "G3571"; and|strong = "G2532" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" are|strong = "G3588" drunk|strong = "G3184" are|strong = "G3588" drunk|strong = "G3184" in|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G3588" night|strong = "G3571". ⁸ But|strong = "G1161" since|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G2249" belong|strong = "G1510" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250", let's be|strong = "G1510" sober|strong = "G3525", putting on|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G2532" breastplate|strong = "G2382" of|strong = "G2250" faith|strong = "G4102" and|strong = "G2532" love|strong = "G0026", and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G0026" a|strong = "G1510" helmet|strong = "G4030", the|strong = "G2532" hope|strong = "G1680" of|strong = "G2250" salvation|strong = "G4991". ⁹ For|strong = "G1519" God|strong = "G2316" didn't|strong = "G3756" appoint us|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" wrath|strong = "G3709", but|strong = "G0235" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G3588" obtaining|strong = "G4047" of|strong = "G1223" salvation|strong = "G4991" through|strong = "G1223" our|strong = "G2316" Lord|strong = "G2962" Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547", ¹⁰ who|strong = "G3588" died|strong = "G0599" for|strong = "G4012" us|strong = "G4012", that|strong = "G2443", whether|strong = "G1535" we|strong = "G2249" wake|strong = "G1127"

or|strong = "G1535" sleep|strong = "G2518", we|strong = "G2249"
 should|strong = "G2443" live|strong = "G2198" together|strong = "G0260"
 with|strong = "G4862" him|strong = "G0846". ¹¹

Therefore|strong = "G1352" exhort|strong = "G3870" one|strong = "G1520"
 another|strong = "G0240", and|strong = "G2532" build|strong = "G3618"
 each|strong = "G0240" other|strong = "G0240" up|strong = "G3618",
 even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2531" you|strong = "G4160"
 also|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G4160".

12But|strong = "G1161" we|strong = "G2532" beg|strong = "G2065"
 you|strong = "G5210", brothers|strong = "G0080", to|strong = "G2532"
 know|strong = "G1492" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588" labour
 amongst you|strong = "G5210", and|strong = "G2532" are|strong = "G3588"
 over|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210" in|strong = "G1722"
 the|strong = "G3588" Lord|strong = "G2962" and|strong = "G2532"
 admonish|strong = "G3560" you|strong = "G5210", ¹³ and|strong = "G2532"
 to|strong = "G2532" respect and|strong = "G2532" honour
 them|strong = "G0846" in|strong = "G1722" love|strong = "G0026"
 for|strong = "G1223" their|strong = "G0846" work's sake|strong = "G1223".

B e|strong = "G2532" at|strong = "G1722" peace|strong = "G1514" amongst
 yourselves|strong = "G1438". ¹⁴ We|strong = "G1161"
 exhort|strong = "G3870" you|strong = "G5210", brothers|strong = "G0080":
 Admonish|strong = "G3560" the|strong = "G3956" disorderly;
 encourage|strong = "G3870" the|strong = "G3956" faint-hearted; support
 the|strong = "G3956" weak|strong = "G0772"; be|strong = "G3956"
 patient|strong = "G3114" towards all|strong = "G3956". ¹⁵
 See|strong = "G3708" that|strong = "G3708" no|strong = "G3361"
 one|strong = "G0240" returns evil|strong = "G2556" for|strong = "G1519"
 evil|strong = "G2556" to|strong = "G1519" anyone|strong = "G5100",
 but|strong = "G0235" always|strong = "G3842" follow after|strong = "G2532"
 that|strong = "G3708" which|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G0018"
 good|strong = "G0018" for|strong = "G1519" one|strong = "G0240"
 another|strong = "G0240" and|strong = "G2532" for|strong = "G1519"
 all|strong = "G3956".

16Always|strong = "G3842" rejoice|strong = "G5463". ¹⁷
 Pray|strong = "G4336" without|strong = "G0089" ceasing|strong = "G0089".
¹⁸ In|strong = "G1722" everything|strong = "G3956" give|strong = "G2168"
 thanks|strong = "G2168", for|strong = "G1063" this|strong = "G3778"
 is|strong = "G2316" the|strong = "G3956" will|strong = "G2307"
 of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316" in|strong = "G1722"
 Christ|strong = "G5547" Jesus|strong = "G2424" towards
 you|strong = "G5210". ¹⁹ Don't|strong = "G3361" quench|strong = "G4570"
 the|strong = "G3588" Spirit|strong = "G4151". ²⁰ Don't|strong = "G3361"

despise|strong="G1848" prophecies|strong="G4394". ²¹
 Test|strong="G1381" all|strong="G3956" things|strong="G3956",
 and|strong="G1161" hold|strong="G2722" firmly|strong="G2722"
 that|strong="G3956" which|strong="G3588" is|strong="G3588"
 good|strong="G2570". ²² Abstain|strong="G0568" from|strong="G0575"
 every|strong="G3956" form|strong="G1491" of|strong="G0575"
 evil|strong="G4190".

²³May|strong="G2532" the|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2316"
 of|strong="G4151" peace|strong="G1515" himself|strong="G0846"
 sanctify|strong="G0037" you|strong="G5210"
 completely|strong="G3648". May|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2962"
 whole|strong="G1722" spirit|strong="G4151", soul|strong="G5590",
 and|strong="G2532" body|strong="G4983" be|strong="G2532"
 preserved|strong="G5083" blameless|strong="G0274" at|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G3588" coming|strong="G3952" of|strong="G4151"
 our|strong="G2316" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 Christ|strong="G5547".

²⁴He|strong="G2532" who|strong="G3739" calls|strong="G2564"
 you|strong="G5210" is|strong="G3739" faithful|strong="G4103",
 who|strong="G3739" will|strong="G3739" also|strong="G2532"
 do|strong="G4160" it|strong="G4160".

²⁵Brothers|strong="G0080", pray|strong="G4336" for|strong="G4012"
 us|strong="G4012".

²⁶Greet|strong="G0782" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G3956"
 brothers|strong="G0080" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G1722"
 holy|strong="G0040" kiss|strong="G5370". ²⁷ I|strong="G3956"
 solemnly command you|strong="G5210" by|strong="G0314"
 the|strong="G3956" Lord|strong="G2962" that|strong="G3956"
 this|strong="G3588" letter|strong="G1992" be|strong="G3956"
 read|strong="G0314" to|strong="G3956" all|strong="G3956"
 the|strong="G3956" holy brothers|strong="G0080".

²⁸The|strong="G3588" grace|strong="G5485" of|strong="G5485"
 our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 Christ|strong="G5547" be|strong="G3326" with|strong="G3326"
 you|strong="G5210". Amen.