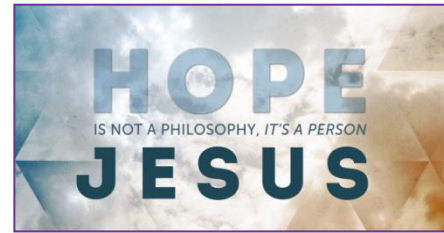




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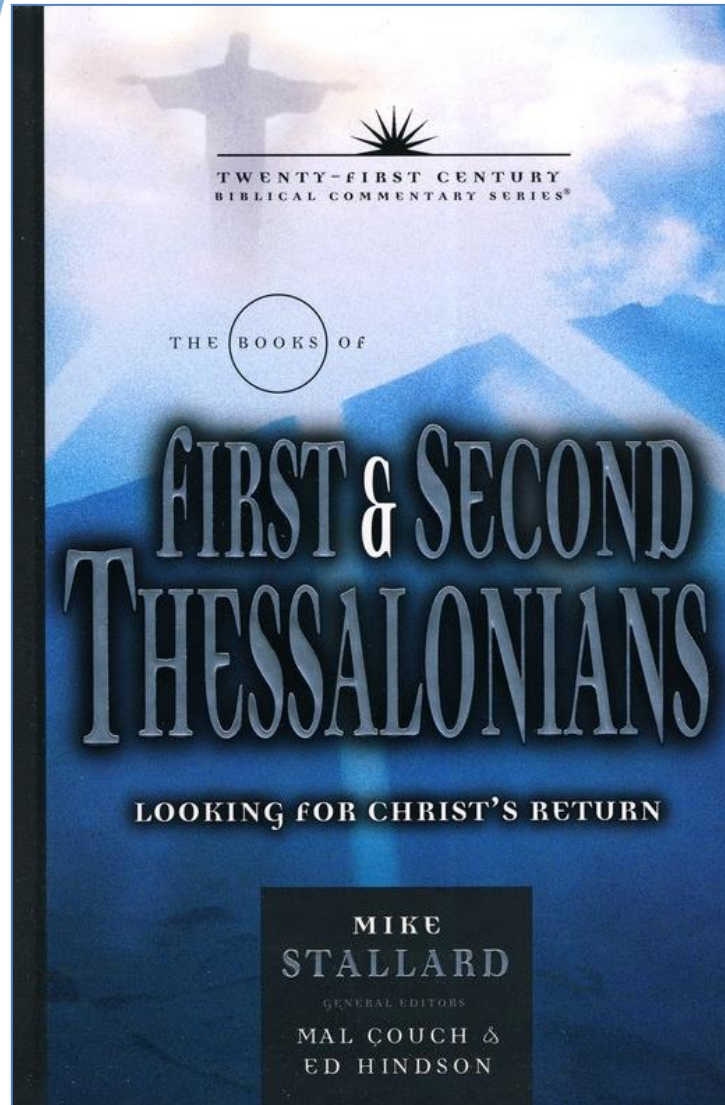
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**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

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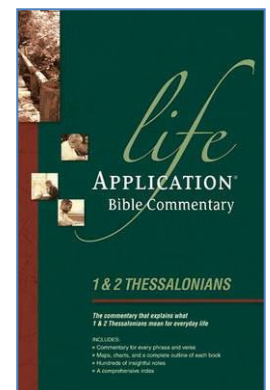
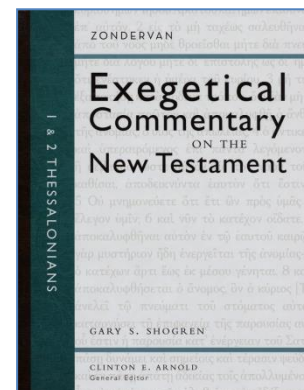
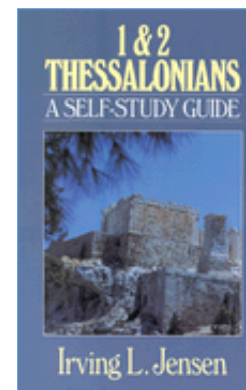
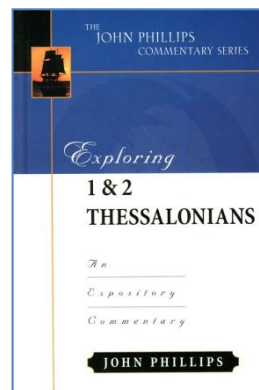
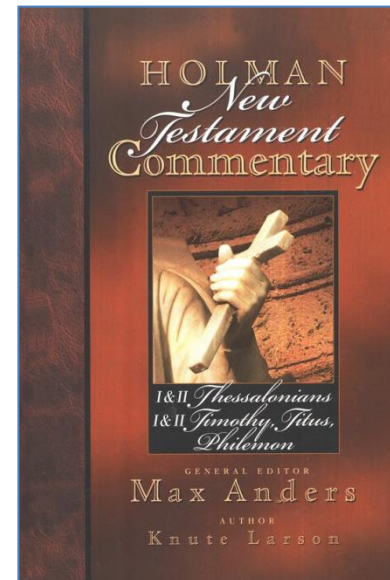
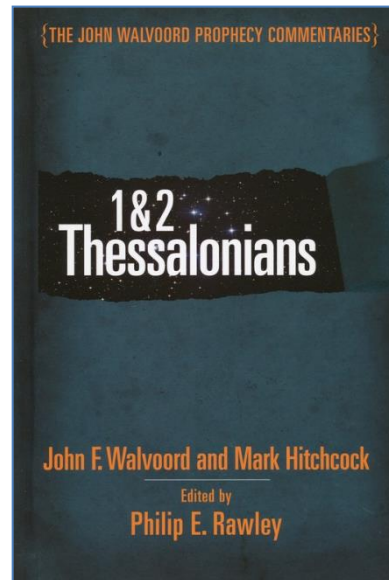


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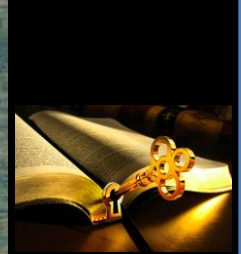
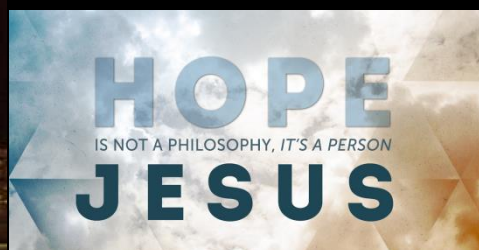
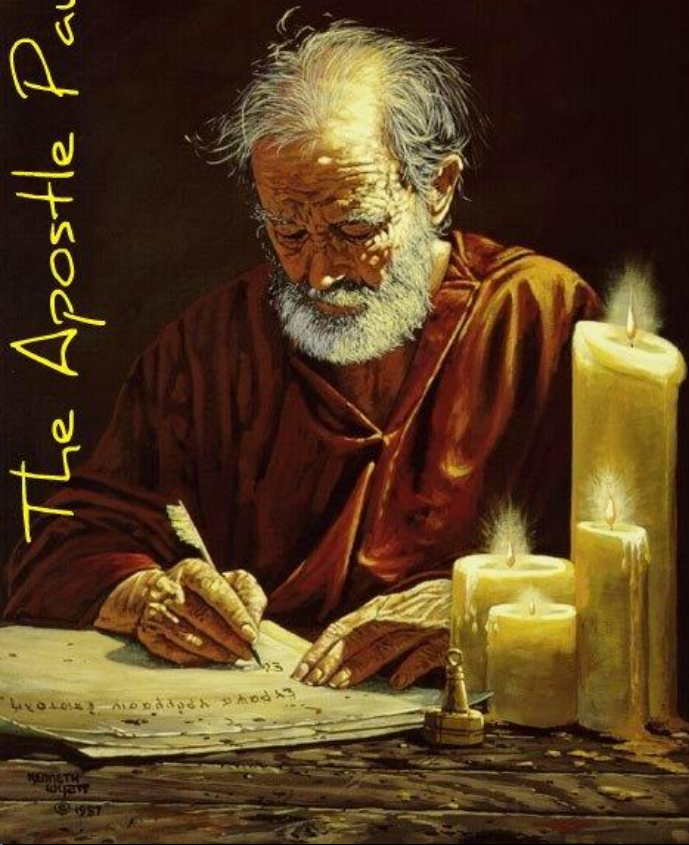


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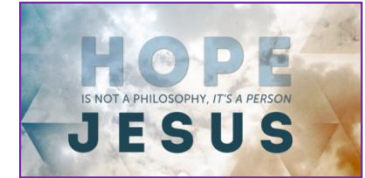


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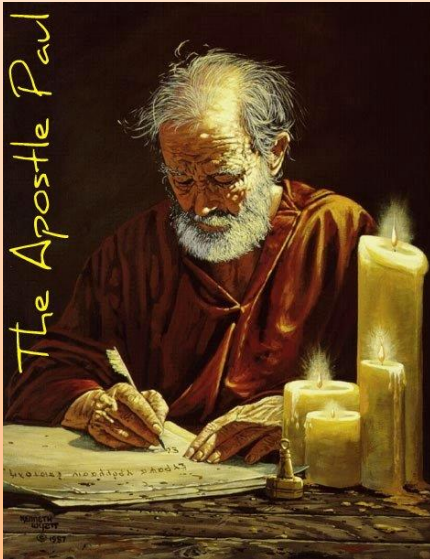
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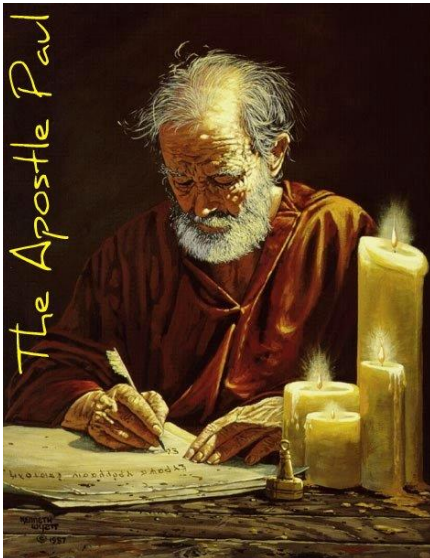




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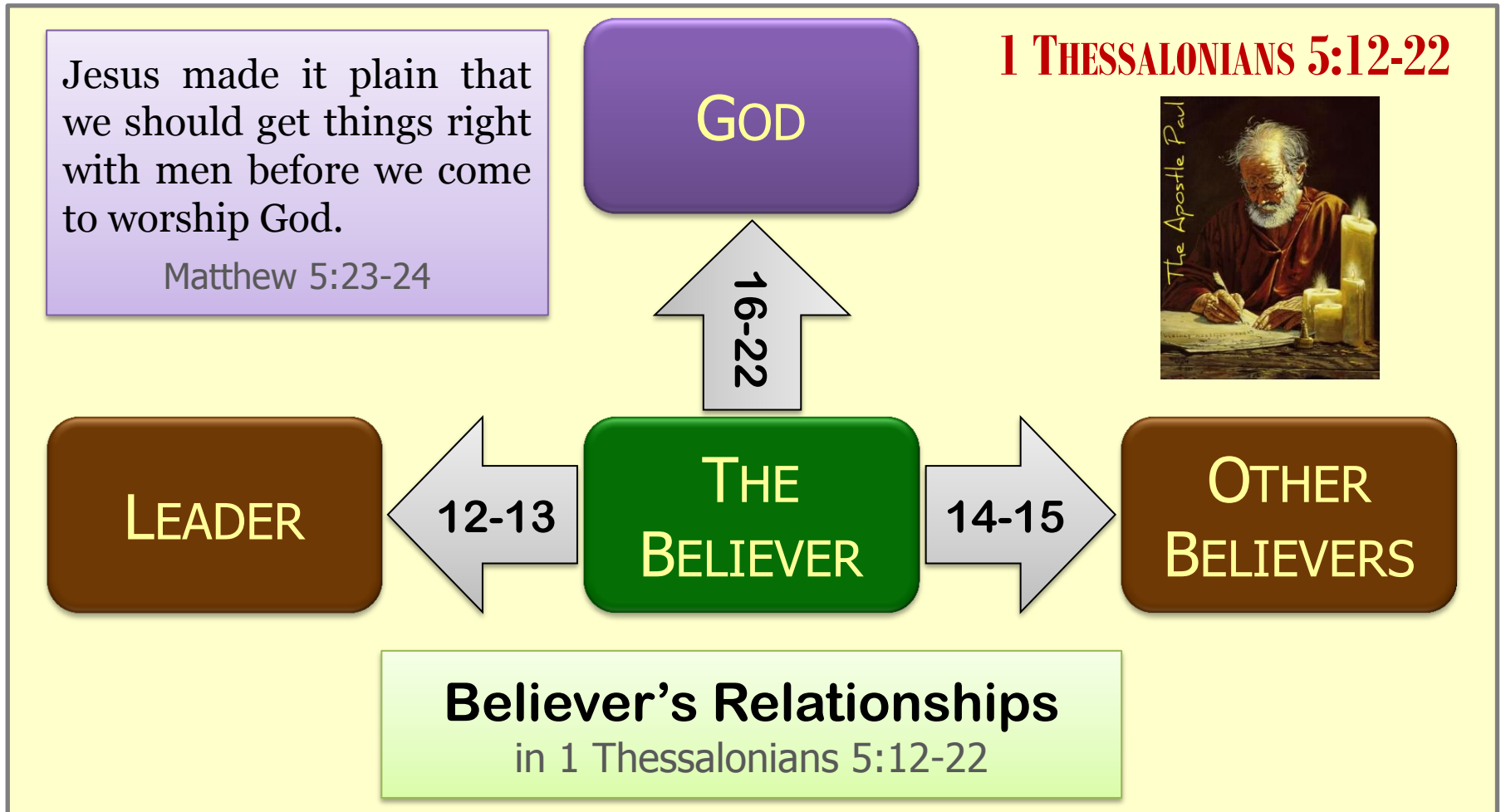
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Paul teaches the need to have a proper attitude toward church leaders and other believers. Struggling believers are to be the recipient of special care from the church members. Believers are to rejoice, give thanks, follow the Holy Spirit, and abstain from evil activities. Paul concludes with a prayer that the God of peace will allow them to stand before Him one day fully set apart to Him. This hope can be guaranteed because of the faithful character of God.



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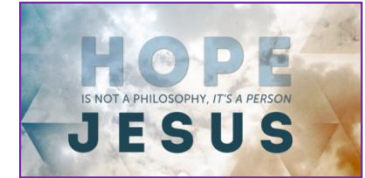
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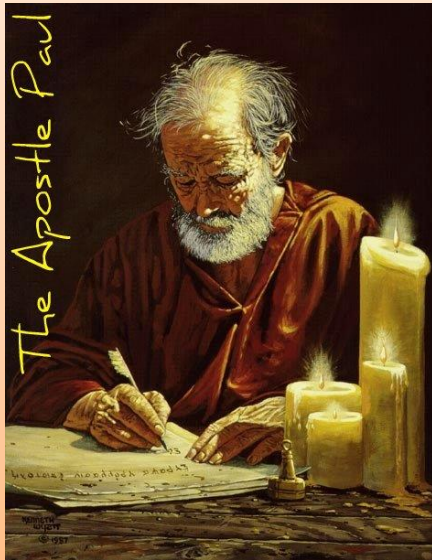
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### • Exhortations - We Urge You, Brethren

#### • RECOGNIZE

- **Paul urges the Thessalonian believers to recognize their spiritual leaders.**
- **Spiritual leaders are described in THREE WAYS:**

1. THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG YOU
2. AND ARE OVER YOU IN THE LORD
3. AND ADMONISH YOU

- **Paul's urging is a bit unusual since the Thessalonian church had only been in existence for several months**

- Basically **every member** was a **new convert**
- **God** had **called out** from **among them** a **few who** would be **their teachers, leaders** and **overseers**.
- **They** had **not** had any **training** in a **seminary, college**, or **Bible Institute**.
- All **they had** was what **Paul** had **given them** in **his few short weeks** in the **city** and what the **Holy Spirit** had **taught them** in the **days** and **weeks since**.

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### • Exhortations - We Urge You, Brethren

#### 1. THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG YOU

- **Paul urged them to recognize their spiritual leaders according to their ministry - *their service***
  - Not for what **they were**
  - But what **they were doing** as **ministers** of the **Lord**.

#### 2. AND ARE OVER YOU IN THE LORD

- **Believers are all on the same level** (*pastor, teachers, elders, people*) - **we are all children of God**
- **We are all members of His body** (1 Corinthians 12)
- Each of **us possesses different God-given gifts**
- **We are to use our gifts to serve each other**

<sup>11</sup> And **He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers**, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the **saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ**, --- Ephesians 4:11-12 ... NKJV

- It is this **unique giftedness** that **needs to be recognized**

**JESUS CALLS US TO BE SERVANT-LEADERS ... Matthew 20:24-28**

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## • Exhortations - We Urge You, Brethren

### 3. AND ADMONISH YOU

- The **Thessalonians** were **urged** to **accept** the **admonition given** to **them** by **their teachers**.

ENGLISH	GREEK	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
ADMONISH	noutheteō	nü-the-te'-ō	warn; to caution or reprove gently



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### • Exhortations - We Urge You, Brethren

#### • ESTEEM THEM VERY HIGHLY IN LOVE

- Believers are to esteem their leaders, and to esteem them very highly in love.
- Believers should do this FOR THEIR WORK'S SAKE.
- Their leaders don't deserve esteem because of their title, or because of their personality, but because of their labor on behalf of God's people.

"Christian ministers, who preach the whole truth, and labor in the word and doctrine, are entitled to more than respect; the apostle commands them to be esteemed, abundantly, and superabundantly; and this is to be done in love." --- Clarke

- Paul twice mentions the work of ministry and connects it to the respect these servants of God should have from those they serve.

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### • Exhortations - We Urge You, Brethren

#### • BE AT PEACE AMONG YOURSELVES

- With this **simple command** **Paul** said **believers** should simply **put away** all **their disputes** and **arguments**.
- This is a **great way** to **esteem** and **love** the **leaders** of **your fellowship**.
- No **fellowship** can **grow spiritually** without its **members** being at **peace among themselves**.

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## • Exhortations - We Exhort You, Brethren

### • WE EXHORT YOU

- Having just urged the Thessalonians believers to recognize and esteem their leaders, Paul now exhorts them in how to deal with difficult believers.
- To EXHORT is to tell someone what they must do, but without harshness or a critical spirit.

- It is not scolding or condemnation, but neither is it merely a suggestion or advice.
- It is urgent and serious, but associated with comfort.

- Paul exhorts the Thessalonian believers to minister in diverse ways, depending on the state of the person who needs the ministry.

1. If someone is UNRULY,  
Then the duty of the believer is to WARN them.
2. Others need COMFORT from the believer.
3. Others need to be UPHELD by the believer.



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### • Exhortations - We Exhort You, Brethren

#### • WARN THOSE WHO ARE UNRULY

- The UNRULY are **those** who are **out of order**, using a **military word** that **describes** the **soldier** that **breaks ranks** or **marches out of step**.
- This is the **self-willed person** who **simply demands** to **hold their own opinion** or **preference**.
- **These** must be WARNED.

#### • COMFORT THE FAINTHEARTED

- The FAINTHEARTED are **those** who, are "**small-souled**".
- By **nature** or **experience** **they tend** to be **timid, reticent** and **lack courage**.
- **These** need COMFORT - in the sense of **assisting strength** - to be **brought** to **them**.

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## • Exhortations - We Exhort You, Brethren

### • UPHOLD THE WEAK

- The WEAK must be UPHELD, and assisted with an eye to building their own strength instead of perpetuating their weakness. Romans 14-15

### • BE PATIENT WITH ALL

- Though different approaches must be taken with different people, believers must be PATIENT WITH ALL.
- This is because true believers are validated by their ability to love and help difficult people.
- We do not look for only perfect people to minister to and to minister with.

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### • Exhortations - Always Pursue What is Good

#### • SEE THAT NO ONE RENDERS EVIL FOR EVIL TO ANYONE

- The believer should never seek revenge or vengeance, but let God take up our side.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. --- Romans 12:19 ... NKJV

- Instead, we must ALWAYS PURSUE WHAT IS GOOD BOTH FOR YOURSELVES AND FOR ALL.
- When we have a forgiving heart towards others, not only is it good for them, it is good for ourselves.

A BELIEVER'S LIFE CONSISTS OF DOING GOOD AND SUFFERING EVIL.



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## • Exhortations - Always Pursue What is Good

### • SEE THAT NO ONE RENDERS EVIL FOR EVIL TO ANYONE

#### • What about "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"?

<sup>23</sup> But if *any* harm follows, then *you* shall give life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, <sup>25</sup> burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. --- Exodus 21:23-25 ... NKJV

The principle is sometimes referred using the Latin term *lex talionis*.

- The Jews abused this letter of the Law and they used the Law to take revenge upon each other.
- Christ established a higher standard ... Matthew 5:38-39

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

--- Matthew 5:38-39 ... NKJV [SERMON ON THE MOUNT]

- This principle is echoed by Peter ... 1 Peter 3:8-9

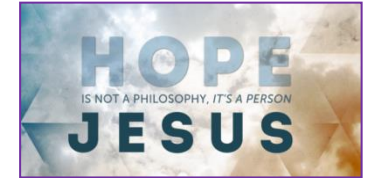
<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; <sup>9</sup> not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

--- 1 Peter 3:8-9 ... NKJV

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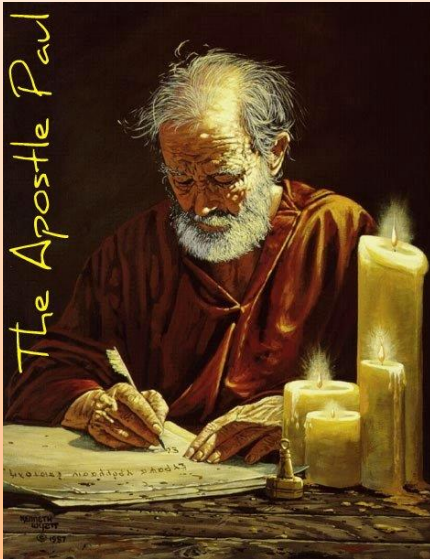
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**JOY** is the second of nine aspects of the "*fruit of the Spirit*".

Galatians 5:22-23

## • Encouragements - The Will of God

- Paul now turns his attention to instructions regarding our relationship with God.
  - These instructions are mostly short and to the point.
  - They come across as a bit choppy.
  - However all are crucial to a healthy relationship with God.
- REJOICE ALWAYS
  - Not only rejoicing in happy things, but in sorrows also.
  - The believer can REJOICE ALWAYS because their joy isn't based in circumstances, but in God.
  - Circumstances change, but God does not.

## JOY VERSUS HAPPINESS

**JOY** is rooted in our relationship with God.  
 Jesus has reconciled us to God - rejoice!

**HAPPINESS** is rooted in circumstances.  
 Happiness is ephemeral.

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## • Encouragements - The Will of God

### • PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

- Believers are to pray continually.
- We cannot bow our heads, close our eyes, and fold our hands without ceasing, but those are customs of prayer, NOT prayer itself.
- Prayer is communication with God, and we can live each moment of the day in a constant, flowing, conversation with God.
- Treasured truths regarding PRAYER...

- The use of the voice IS NOT an essential element.
- The posture of prayer IS NOT of primary importance.
- The place of prayer IS NOT of great importance.
- The particular time of prayer IS NOT important.

A BELIEVER SHOULD NEVER BE IN A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN NOT PRAY.



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## • Encouragements - The Will of God

### • IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

- We don't give thanks FOR EVERYTHING, but IN EVERYTHING.
- We recognize God's sovereign hand is in charge, and NOT blind fate or chance.

"When JOY and PRAYER are married their first born child is GRATITUDE." ---Charles Spurgeon

### • FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU

- After each one of these exhortations - REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, in EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS - we are told to do them because it IS THE WILL OF GOD.
- The idea ISN'T "this is God's will, so you MUST DO IT."
- The idea IS rather "this is God's will, so you CAN DO IT."
- It isn't easy to REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, and IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS, but we CAN DO IT because it is God's will.

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## • Encouragements - Do's and Don'ts

### • DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

- We can quench the fire of the Holy Spirit by our doubt, our indifference, our rejection of Him, or by the distraction of other things.
- When a believer draws attention to themselves, it is a sure sign of quenching the Holy Spirit.
- This command is based on the familiar image of the Holy Spirit as a fire or a flame.
  - In this context the fire cannot be created,
  - However we can provide the environment in which it can burn brightly.
  - Conversely a flame can be extinguished when it is ignored and no longer tended, or when the flame is overwhelmed by something else.

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

-- Ephesians 4:30 ... NKJV

THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES US. HOW ELSE COULD WE GRIEVE HIM? YOU CAN ONLY GRIEVE IF YOU LOVE!

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## • Encouragements - Do's and Don'ts

### • DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECIES

- We recognize that the Lord speaks to and through His people today, and we learn to be open to His voice.
- Bear in mind, we always test prophecies (next verse), but we DO NOT DESPISE PROPHECIES.
- It is possible that prophecy was being despised because individuals were abusing the gift. *[speculation]*

<sup>3</sup> But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. --- 1 Corinthians 14:3 ... NKJV

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<sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing,  
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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22... NKJV

## • Encouragements - Do's and Don'ts

### • TEST ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST WHAT IS GOOD

- Evil and deception can show itself even in a spiritual setting, so it is important for believers to TEST ALL THINGS.
- When the test has been made, according to the standard of God's Word and the discernment of spirit among the leaders, we then HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD.
- Between the time Paul last saw the Thessalonians and the writing of this letter, he had been in Berea (Acts 17:10-12).
  - There, the believers were of a noble character because they heard Paul's preaching and diligently searched the Scriptures to see if what he said was true.
  - Paul wanted the Thessalonians to have more of the heart and mind of the Bereans.



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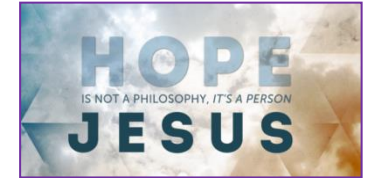
- **Believers** are to have **nothing to do with evil** - in all its **forms**. Notice there is **more than one form of evil**.

ENGLISH	GREEK	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
FORM	<i>eidous</i>	ā'-dos	that which is seen; the external appearance. It points to the external form in which evil presents itself.

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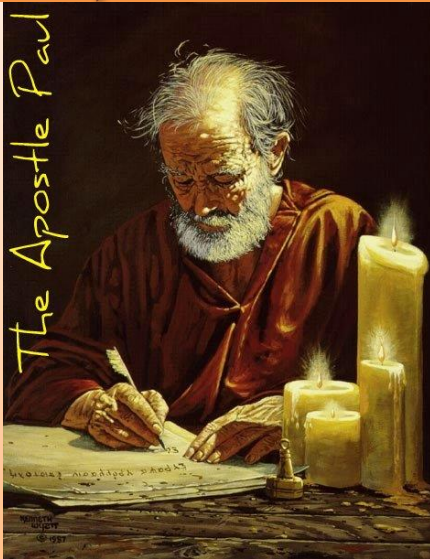
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# Blessing and Admonition - 1 Thessalonians 5:23 - OBSERVATIONS

<sup>23</sup> Now **may** the **God** of **peace** **Himself** **sanctify** **you** **completely**; and **may** **your** **whole** **spirit**, **soul**, and **body** be **preserved** **blameless** at the **coming** of **our** **Lord** **Jesus** **Christ**. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*. <sup>25</sup> Brethren, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

## • Blessing and Admonition - Body, Soul, and Spirit

- NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE HIMSELF SANCTIFY YOU COMPLETELY
  - The GOD OF PEACE HIMSELF is the **Lord Jesus Christ**
  - **Jesus** will SANCTIFY the **believer** COMPLETELY

ENGLISH	GREEK	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
SANCTIFY	hagiazō	hä-gē-ä'-zō	to separate from profane things and dedicate to God; to consecrate.
COMPLETELY	holotelēs	ho-lo-te-lā's	Complete in all respects; wholly; holistic

- COMPLETELY - **across** all **tenses** of **salvation**

PAST: JUSTIFICATION - Saved from the PENALTY of Sin  
 PRESENT: SANCTIFICATION - Saved from the POWER of Sin  
 FUTURE: GLORIFICATION - Saved from the PRESENCE of Sin

<sup>16</sup> **They** are not of the **world**, just as **I** am not of the **world**. <sup>17</sup> **Sanctify** **them** by **Your** **truth**. **Your** **word** is **truth**. <sup>18</sup> As **You** **sent** **Me** into the **world**, **I** also have **sent** **them** into the **world**. <sup>19</sup> And for **their** **sakes** **I** **sanctify** **Myself**, that **they** also may be **sanctified** by the **truth**. --- John 17:16-19 ... NKJV

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

## • Blessing and Admonition - Body, Soul, and Spirit

### • MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS

- Tripartite architecture of **man** - **three parts**
- In the **image** of **God** - Father, Son and Holy Spirit

ENGLISH	GREEK	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
SPIRIT	pneuma	pnü'-mä	Core of a man; breath of life Genesis 2:7
SOUL	psychē	psü-khä'	the seat of the feelings, desires, affections
BODY	sōma	sō'-mä	Body of men, animals and plants. container

### • Notice the **order mentioned** - **Is this significant?**

- **God's view** - *Inside out*
- **Man's view** - *Outside in*

**THOSE WHO ARE BORN **ONCE** DIE **TWICE**.**

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# Blessing and Admonition - 1 Thessalonians 5:24 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

## • Blessing and Admonition - He Will Do It

### • HE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL

- Jesus is the **one** who **calls** believers
- Jesus is FAITHFUL

- We are **faithless**, **helpless**, **hopeless** and **headed** for **hell**
- He is **faithful**, **powerful**, **full** of **hope** and by **His blood** we are **headed** for **heaven**

### • Jesus WILL DO IT

- Aren't you **glad** it **does not depend** on you!

<sup>6</sup> being **confident** of this very thing, that He who has **begun** a **good work** in you **will complete it** until the **day** of Jesus Christ;

--- Philippians 1:6 .. NKJV

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to **will** and to **do** for **His good pleasure**.

--- Philippians 2:13 ... NKJV

# Blessing and Admonition - 1 Thessalonians 5:25-27 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

## • Blessing and Admonition - Pray, Greet, & Read

### • BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US

- Paul was an apostle, and the Thessalonian church was made up of young Christians.
- Paul still believed he needed their prayers, so he simply asked, "PRAY FOR US."

### • GREET ALL THE BRETHREN WITH A HOLY KISS

- The idea is that Paul wants those who read the letter to greet all the believers in Thessalonica on his behalf.
- If he were there in person, he would greet all the brethren with a holy kiss himself, but since he was not there, he would send the greeting through this letter.
- This is commanded 4 other times in the NT  
Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14

A hug and a kiss on the cheek, men with men, women with women, were cultural expressions of greeting. In our culture this is akin to a handshake.

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

- **Blessing and Admonition** - Pray, Greet, & Read
  - I CHARGE YOU BY THE LORD
    - Paul used a strong phrase here. It was important that this epistle be read among believers.
    - This is an unusual statement, unique in Paul's letters.
    - Scholars are not quite sure why Paul added this phrase at the end of his letter.
    - Many different reasons have been suggested.
      - Since the letter was a substitute for his personal presence, Paul did not want any disappointment at his absence to dampen the spread of the letter.
      - Paul wanted to make sure that the church heard the letter first-hand, and not through intermediaries who might misstate his message.

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28... NKJV

## • Blessing and Admonition - Grace Be With You

### • THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU

- Notice the **letter began** with a **greeting of grace**. 1:1

**1** **Paul**, **Silvanus**, and **Timothy**, To the **church** of the **Thessalonians** in **God** the **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**: **Grace** to **you** and **peace** from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**

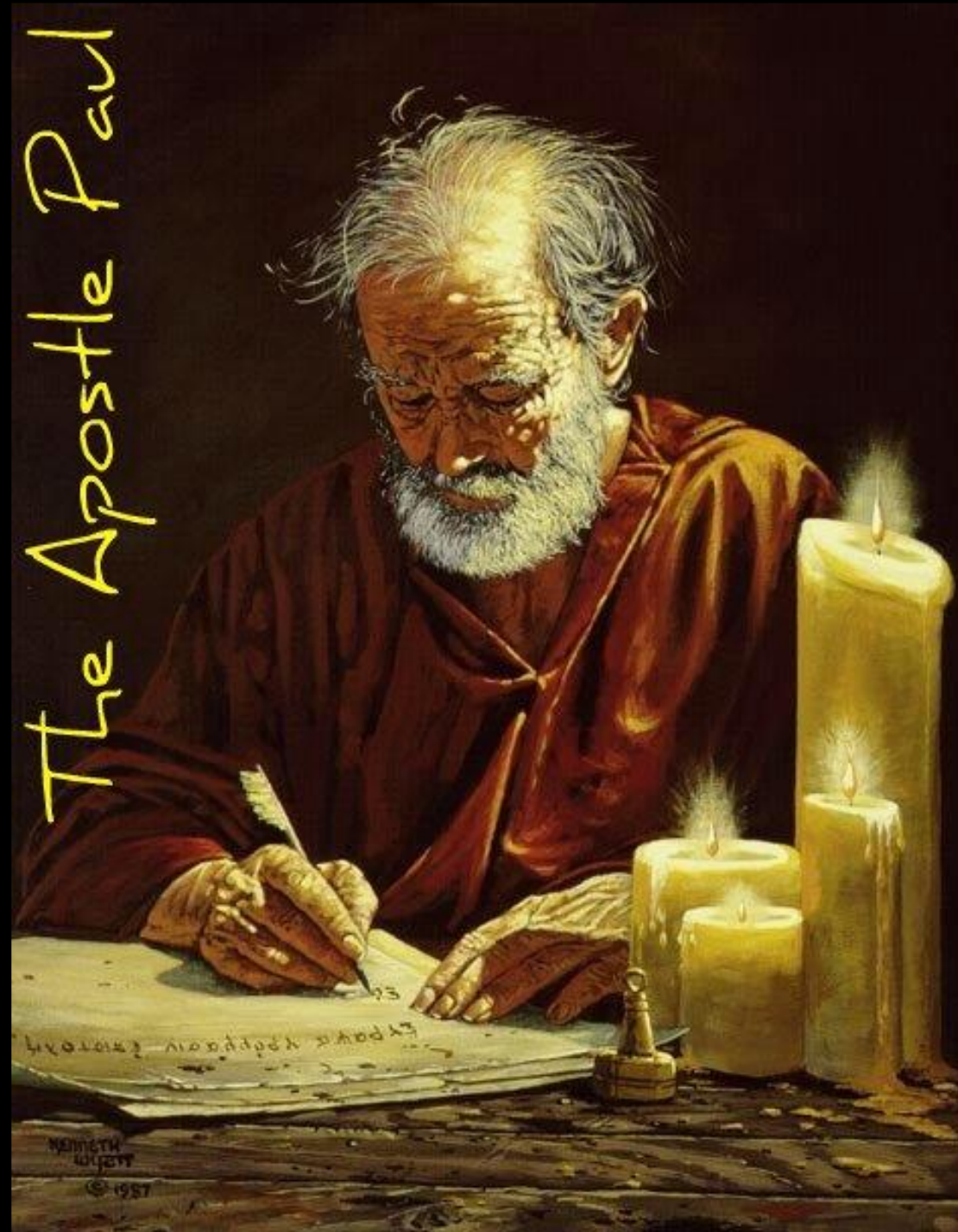
- Now it **concludes** with **grace as well**.
- This is the **closing signature** of **Paul**
- **Used** on **all** of **his letters**.
- **Some scholars** cite this **signature** as **evidence** of a **Pauline authorship** of **Hebrews**

*Hebrews 13:25*

**25** **Grace** *be* with **you all**. **Amen**.

**GRACE** is God's unmerited favor, His bestowal of love and acceptance on us because of who He is and what Jesus has done. **GRACE** means that He loves us, and all the reasons are in Him. **GRACE** means we can stop working for His love and start receiving it.





The Apostle Paul

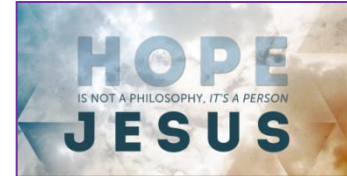
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*"There Is Hope!"*

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