

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 1 (1 - 6) From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in Thessalonika. Wishing you grace and peace. In my prayers for you, I thank God our Father for your *faith* in action, your work for *love*, and your persevering *hope*. When we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not just as words, but as power from the Holy Spirit. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, you accepted the Good News, despite great opposition from many quarters.



Jesus, help people accept the Good News, despite opposition

Chapter 1.7 - 2.12

You are a great example to other believers, since it was from you that the word of the Lord spread to many places.

Everyone knows how we planted the Good News in your hearts, and how you broke with idolatry and became servants of the living God.

Let me remind you how we loved and served you, like loving parents caring for their dear children.

Jesus, thank you for the people who nurtured me as a Christian

Chapter 2 (13 - 16)

As soon as you heard the Good News, you accepted it as God's message and not just some human thinking. This message is still a living power among you. For the sake of the Good News, you have been badly treated by your own countrymen, just as Christians in Judea have been badly treated by the Jews. The Jews have been persecuting us also, and hindering us from spreading the Good News. **Jesus, please help people who are being hindered from spreading the message of your love**

Chapter 3 (11 - 13)

May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ make it easy for us to visit you again. May the Lord be generous in increasing your love, and make you love one another and the whole human

race as much as we love you. May the Lord so confirm your hearts in holiness, that you may be blameless in the



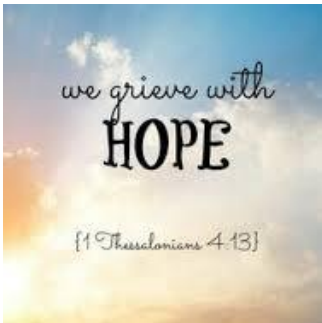
sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Jesus, please increase my love for the whole human race 273 1 Thessalonians

Chapter 4 (1 - 11)

We urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life you are meant to live. God wants you to be holy. He wants you to keep away from fornication. Live life peacefully. Get a decent job and earn your living. **Jesus, make me a better person, a better Christian**

Chapter 4 (13 - 18)



You asked us about the situation of people who have died. Do not mourn in an unhealthy way for them, like people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will

be the same for everyone who dies in God's friendship: God will give them life with Jesus. They will live in God's House for ever. With thoughts such as these you should comfort one another in times of mourning. **Jesus, please increase my faith in the life to come**

Chapter 5 (1 - 11)

The Lord's coming will not find us unprepared if we live a good life. You are not children of the night and of darkness. You are children of the light and of the day. 274 1 Thessalonians

Put on *faith* and *love* for a breastplate.
Put on the *hope* of salvation for a helmet.
Encourage one another. Strengthen one another.

**Jesus, please help me be a person of
encouragement, not discouragement**

Chapter 5 (12 - 18)

Respect your Christian leaders. Be at peace among yourselves. Warn idlers, give courage to people who are struggling, care for the weak, and be patient with everyone. Never try to take revenge. Focus on what is best for each other and for the community. For all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

**Jesus, thank you for everything,
even for unhappy things**

Chapter 5 (19 - 28)

Let the Holy Spirit have a free reign in your life. Hold on to what is good. Avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you holy. May you be kept safe in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you. He will not fail you. Pray for us. Greet all the believers with the holy kiss. Read this letter to all the believers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Holy Spirit of Jesus, Holy Spirit of the Father,
I open my life to you. My heart is yours**