

The Commandments for Those Expecting 1 Thessalonians 5:11-28

**The coming of Christ is a rousing hope to action,
"dead" believers are asleep in Jesus; "living" believers
are awake for Jesus.**

I. For The Church (5:11-15)

A. Comfort yourselves together (v 11)

B. Edify one another (v 11)

**C. To know (understand) them which labor among you
(v 12)**

**D. To esteem them (the laborers) very highly in love for
their work's sake (v 13)**

E. Be peace among yourselves (v 13)

F. Warn them that are unruly (v 14)

G. Comfort the feebleminded (v 14)

H. Support the weak (v 14)

I. Be patient toward all men (v 14)

J. See that none render evil for evil unto any man (v 15)

**K. But ever follow that which is good, both among
yourselves, and to all men (v 15)**

II. For Yourselves (5:16-22)

A. Rejoice evermore (v 16)

B. Pray without ceasing (v 17)

C. In every thing give thanks (v 18)

D. Quench not the Spirit (v 19)

E. Despise not prophesyings (v 20)

F. Prove all things (v 21)

G. Hold fast that which is good (v 21)

H. Abstain from all appearance of evil (v 22)

III. The Results (5:23-28)

A. Sanctified by God (vv 23-24)

- 1. Wholly (v 23)**
- 2. Based on Him (v 24)**

B. Shared with others (vv 25-27)

- 1. In prayer (v 25)**
- 2. In greeting (v 26)**
- 3. In word (v 27)**

C. Grace experienced (v 28)

Now or Then?
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Persecution of believers now and judgment of unbelievers hereafter (at Christ's coming).

I. A Special Greeting (1:1-3)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-3

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

I. A Special Greeting (1:1-3)

A. A spiritual greeting (1)

God the basis for the greeting

B. A blessed greeting (2)

God the provider for the greeting

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

I. A Special Greeting (1:1-3)

C. A thankful greeting (3a)

Based on answered prayer

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1 Thessalonians 3:12

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

I. A Special Greeting (1:1-3)

D. A hopeful greeting (3b)

Based on spiritual fruit

2 Peter 1:8

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Current Persecution of the Thessalonican Believers (1:4-7)

2 Thessalonians 1:4-7

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

II. Current Persecution of the Thessalonican Believers (1:4-7)

A. An encouragement to other believers (4)

Acts 5:40-41

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

II. Current Persecution of the Thessalonican Believers (1:4-7)

B. A sign of being a child of God (5)

Romans 8:16-18

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

II. Current Persecution of the Thessalonican Believers (1:4-7)

C. An instrument of the righteousness of God (6-7)

1. To the persecutors (6)

Romans 12:9

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

2. To the persecuted (7)

Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

2 Peter 3:10-14

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2 Peter 3:10-14 - continued

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

III. Future Judgment of the Wicked (1:8-10)

2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

III. Future Judgment of the Wicked (1:8-10)

A. A fiery judgment (8)

B. An eternal punishment (9)

C. At Christ's coming (10)

IV. Paul's Prayer for the Thessolanican Believers (1:11-12)

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. Paul's Prayer for the Thessolanic Believers (1:11-12)

A. That they would fulfill God's purpose (11)

2 Timothy 1:9

**Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling,
not according to our works, but according to his own
purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus
before the world began,**

B. That they would bring glory to God (12)

1 Thessalonians 2:12

**That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you
unto his kingdom and glory.**

