

1 Thess Class Schedule

4/11/2021	1 Thess 3:6-10	Timothy's report - good news from Thessalonica
4/18/2021	1 Thess 3:11-13	Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians
4/25/2021	1 Thess 4:1-3	The worthy walk - general conduct
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5/9/2021	1 Thess 4:9-12	The worthy walk - importance of love
5/16/2021	1 Thess 4:13-15	The Lord's return - part 1
5/23/2021	1 Thess 4:16-18	The Lord's return - part 2
5/30/2021	1 Thess 5:1-3	The Day of the Lord - part 1
6/6/2021	1 Thess 5:4-7	The Day of the Lord - part 2

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Outline*

Good News from Thessalonica 1 Thess 3:6-13

The Report 3:6

1. The Good News About Their Faith
2. The Good News About Their Love
3. The Good News About Their Attitude

The Rejoicing 3:7-10

Comforted about you through your faith

The Prayer 3:11-13

1. Concerning Their Visit 3:11
2. Concerning Their Love 3:12
3. Concerning Their Stability 3:13

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11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;
12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;
13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;

Now, God himself even the Father of us and the Lord of us Jesus, may He direct the way of us to you. Interlinear

Now – Paul continues his discussion about his desire to see the Thessalonians.

subject: God himself even the Father of us and the Lord of us Jesus

- the words Father and Jesus are linked by and, making them joint subjects McCalley
- the Father is God and Jesus is God
- John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
- all believers have this relationship with the Father and Jesus

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verb: may He direct - kateuthynō - to make straight; it means to guide or direct one's way

- “may ... direct” represents the optative mood in the Greek text, which expresses a strong wish, often used in prayers Keathley
- 2 Thess 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

the way of us (Paul, Silas, Timothy) to you

He asked God his Father and Jesus his Lord to clear the way so he and his fellow missionaries could return to Thessalonica.

Constable

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¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;

may the Lord cause you to increase and to abound

1st – in love for one another

2nd – *in love* for all people

subject: the Lord (Lord, not man!)

verb: may cause to increase - *pleonázō* - to have or cause to have much

- the optative mood – this is another of Paul’s strong desires for the Thessalonians
- asking God for an increase in their *agape* love for the brethren and all people

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to abound in love for one another

verb: *to abound* – *perisseuō* - to cause to abound, to make overflow (compound verb)

- this verb is also in the optative mood – 3rd time
- 2 Cor 9:8a And God is able to make all grace abound to you
- but in this context it is “in love”

1st *in love for one another*

- 1 Thess 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren --- for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.
- Paul’s desire was for them to walk in the truth of what they had been taught.

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¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;

- 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

2nd *(in love) for all people*

Gal 6:10b let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith

- the believers’ love to increase and overflow even more among themselves and toward all people Constable

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¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;

just as we (Paul, Silas, Timothy) also do for you

Paul has already told us of his love for them in the following verses:

1 Thess 1:2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

:3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus ---

:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you.

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¹³ so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints

so that – with purpose that (loving one another produces)

He (God) may establish your hearts

verb: may establish - *stērizō* - "to fix, make fast, to set";
is used of "establishing" or
"stablishing" of persons

- loving one another and God establishing your heart

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.

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your hearts without blame in holiness

your hearts blameless in the sphere of holiness Wuest

- We know that we are blameless in holiness because we are in Him in our position.
- But Paul's desire for them is to have their condition equal their position.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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before our God and Father at [in] the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints

1 Thess 2:19b is it not even you (Thessalonians), in [at] the presence of [before] our Lord Jesus at His coming?

before - *emprosthen* - is used of place or position only; with the meaning "in the sight of a person" in 1 Thess 2:19, John 12:37

John 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

- Paul uses the very same construction concerning "presence/before" in 2:19 and 3:13. His presence is used concerning a face-to-face encounter. Vern's notes

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coming - *parousia* - "a presence," *para*, "with," and *ousia*, "being", denotes both an "arrival" and a consequent "presence with."

- Parousia is used to describe the presence of Christ with His disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration.
- 2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

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Parousia in reference to the rapture appearance *

- Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His *coming* (1 Cor. 15:23)
- You [our hope] in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His *coming*? (1 Thess. 2:19)
- At the *coming* of our Lord Jesus with all His saints (3:13)
- We who are alive and remain until the *coming* of the Lord (4:15)
- [You be] preserved complete without blame at the *coming* of our Lord Jesus Christ (5:23)
- With regard to the *coming* of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him (2 Thess. 2:1)
- Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the *coming* of the Lord (Ja. 5:7)
- Strengthen your hearts, for the *coming* of the Lord is at hand (5:8)
- [We shall] not shrink away from Him in shame at His *coming* (1 John 2:28)

* Vern's notes

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Final Thoughts *



- Therefore, “at the coming of our Lord Jesus” refers to the fact that believers are going to be *present* with the Lord Jesus at the very moment that we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air.
- So that this “coming” does not refer to the return of the Lord with His saints to establish His kingdom, but to our coming to heaven into the presence of the Father.
- We will come into the presence of the Lord Jesus and at that time will be presented “unblameable in holiness before God.”

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