



# *1 & 2 Thessalonians* (Lesson # 13)

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λοιπὸν [adv or adj acc neut sing λοιπόν] as adv, furthermore, **in addition**, beyond that  
οὖν, [conj οὖν] **therefore**, so, consequently, accordingly  
ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] brothers, **brethren**  
ἐρωτῶμεν [v ind pres act 1p pl ἐρωτάω] ask, **we are requesting**, beseech  
ὑμᾶς [pronoun acc pl σύ] **you**  
καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, also, **indeed**  
παρακαλοῦμεν [v ind pres act 1p pl παρακαλέω] παρα + καλέω to call alongside or  
as speaking authoritatively exhort, **we are urging**, encourage  
ἐν [prep + dat ἐν] in (locative), at, on, among, near, by (instrumental), **with**  
κυρίῳ [n dat masc sing κύριος] **Lord**, master, owner  
Ἰησοῦ [n dat masc sing Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus**, Joshua

## \*\* My literal translation

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(ἵνα) [conj ἵνα] in order that, **that**  
καθὼς [conj καθὼς] as, **just as**, even as  
παρελάβετε [v ind aor act 2p pl παραλαμβάνω] *take/receive to oneself*, **you received**  
παρ' ἡμῶν [prep+gen=from, pron pers gen pl ἐγώ] **from us**  
τὸ πῶς [def art acc neut sing+adv πῶς] **the way**, the how, the manner  
δεῖ [v ind pres act 3p sing δεῖ] **must**, ought, fitting, proper, appropriate  
ὑμᾶς [pron pers acc pl σύ] **you**  
περιπατεῖν [v inf pres act περιπατέω] **be walking**, conducting, be managing your life  
καὶ καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, also, **indeed**  
ἀρέσκειν [v inf pres act ἀρέσκω] to be pleasing, **be giving pleasure**  
θεῷ [n dat masc sing θεός] **to God**

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**that just as you received from us the way you must be walking, indeed be giving pleasure to God**



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περιπατεῖτε,) [v ind pres act 2p pl περιπατέω] you are managing your life, **you are walking**, you are conducting your life

ἵνα [conj ἵνα] in order that, **that**

περισσεύητε [v subj pres act 2p pl περισσεύω] you may abound, **you may be exceling** μᾶλλον. [adv μᾶλλον] **more**, to a greater degree

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**(just as indeed you are walking) that you may be exceling *even* more**



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2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

οἴδατε [v ind perf act 2p pl εἰδῶ] **you have come to know** knowledge based on fact  
γὰρ [conj γάρ] **for**, because, expressing cause or reason  
τίνας [pron interrogative acc fem pl τίς] who, which, **what**, why  
παραγγελίας [n acc fem pl παραγγελία] **instructions**, orders, pedagogical in kind  
ἔδώκαμεν [v ind aor act 1p pl δίδωμι] **we gave**, aorist implies factually given  
ὑμῖν [pron pers dat pl σύ] **to you**  
διὰ [prep διά] **on behalf of**, through, for the sake of, as agent of another's authority,  
τοῦ κυρίου [art+n gen masc sing κύριος] **the Lord**  
Ἰησοῦ. n gen masc sing Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus**, Joshua

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τοῦτο [pron demon nom neut sing οὗτος] **this**  
γάρ [conj γάρ] **for**, because, expressing cause or reason  
ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] **is being**  
θέλημα [n nom neut sing θέλημα] **will, design, purpose**  
τοῦ θεοῦ, [art+n gen masc sing θεός] **of the God**  
ὁ ἁγιασμός [art+n gen masc sing ἁγιασμός] **the sanctification**, set apart from evil or self-serving sin and set apart unto the purity of letting God reveal Himself through us.  
ὑμῶν, [pron pers gen 2p pl σύ] **of you**  
ἀπέχεσθαι [v inf pres mid ἀπέχω] middle **to be keeping away**, abstain from something  
ὑμᾶς [pron pers acc pl σύ] **you**  
ἀπὸ [prep w gen ἀπό] **from**  
τῆς πορνείας· [art+n gen fem sing πορνεία] **sexual immorality**, fornication, every kind of extramarital, or outside of God’s design sexual intercourse

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### \*\*\* Wuest's expanded translation

<sup>1</sup> Finally, therefore, brethren, I request you and I beg of you, please, in the Lord Jesus, that even as you received from us the particular way in which it is necessary in the nature of the case for you to be ordering your behavior and to be striving to please God, even as also you are conducting yourselves, that you superabound yet more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know with a positive assurance what charges we gave you through the Lord Jesus, <sup>3</sup> for this is the will of God, your being set apart [from sin to holiness], that you should hold yourselves off from fornication;



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**General Conduct 4:1-3a**

**Sexual Conduct 4:3b-8**

**Affectional Conduct 4:9-10**

**Social Conduct 4:11-12**



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### Chester McCalley gives us 8 things to observe here

1. Paul instructed these new believers in the Christian life immediately ‘as you received from us *instruction*’ see Acts 17:1-10.. A month of it
2. The Christian life was presented not as an option, but as an imperative. ‘you must live this way’ the word ‘ought’ is a mandatory must, or absolute necessity, Jn 3 ‘you must be born again’, Gal 5:16 ‘walk by the Spirit’
3. Paul taught ‘the how’ of Christian living, he taught the ‘how to do’ this.
4. Paul uses ‘*walking*’ as his metaphor, expressing how we ought to live, in addition, Paul uses ‘*standing*’ is a metaphor for the believer’s stability (Eph 6:11..), ‘*running*’ for the believer’s service (1 Cor 9:26..), and ‘*seated*’ for the believer’s position in Christ (Eph 2:4-7).
5. Paul taught the proper motive for the Christian life, ‘and to please God’, the pleasure of God is the goal.
6. Paul taught the concept of ever increasing maturity, ‘that you excel still more’, you are doing well, I want you to excel still more. Phil 3:12...
7. Paul taught the Christian life in unmistakable terms, he gave commands
8. Paul taught the Christian life is what we are, not merely what we do.



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**It is our being the revealers of His Glory**

**He sets us apart from evil or self-serving sin  
to be His pure revelation of Himself**



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**Note: 6 times in 1 Thess** is this **Hope on Him & His Coming**

\*1:3 ...steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

\*1:10 ...you are waiting for His Son in Confident Hope

\*2:19 ...in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming

\*3:13 ...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.

\*4:16 ...For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven ...and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...

\*5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you entirely**; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 **Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass...**



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**Question, what gave God's men here joy and comfort?**

### **Answers**

**first,** joy that the Thessalonians were showing God's life of purity

**second,** comfort that God was coming again

**These few verses teach us that:**

**It is God's will to reveal the glory of Himself  
through His creations,**

**We are a part of His creations,  
we are His body, the Church,**

**the called out of the world ones,  
To reveal His perfection**