

Spirit of Prophecy Version™

“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10

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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of [the] Thesalonians in God [the] Father and [the] Lord Jesus Christ: grace and peace to you from God our Father and [the] Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>2 We give thanks to God always for you all when [we] make mention of you for ourselves in our prayers,</p> <p>3 <u>because [we] remember</u>¹ unceasingly in the presence of our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>4 because [we] know, <u>brothers who are loved by God, your selection</u>²,</p> <p>5 because our gospel did not come to you with word only, but also with power and with [the] Holy Spirit and with full assurance, just as you know what kind of [men] we proved to be among you for your sake.</p> <p>6 And you became [the] imitators of us and of the Lord, by accepting the word in much affliction with [the] joy of [the] Holy Spirit,</p> <p>7 with the result that you became examples to all those who believe in Macedonia and Achaia.</p> <p>8 For not only has the word of the Lord been sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but also your faith which [is] toward God has gone forth in every place, with the result that we do not have a need to say anything.</p> <p>9 For they themselves report concerning us what sort of acceptance we had toward you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve [the] living and true God</p> <p>10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised up from among [the] dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath which is coming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1) or, "by mentioning"</p> <p>2) or, "beloved brothers, your selection by God"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians <i>which is</i> in God the Father and <i>in</i> the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace <i>be</i> unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.</p> <p>5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.</p> <p>6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:</p> <p>7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.</p> <p>8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.</p> <p>9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;</p> <p>10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, <i>even</i> Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 2</p> <p>1 For you yourselves know, brothers, our acceptance which [was] toward you, that it has not been in vain,</p> <p>2 but even after [we] suffered previously and were mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the courage in our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle.</p> <p>3 For our exhortation [does] not [come] from error, neither from uncleanness nor with deceit;</p> <p>4 but just as we are approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, in this manner we speak, not as [those] who please men, but God who examines our hearts.</p> <p>5 For neither at any time did we come with [the] word of flattery, as you know, nor with [the] pretext for greed (God [is] witness),</p> <p>6 nor for the purpose of seeking glory from men, either from you or from others, although [we] were able to <u>claim authority</u>¹ as [the] apostles of Christ.</p> <p>7 But we were gentle in your midst, as a nurse cherishing her own children;</p> <p>8 because [we] were so longing for you, we were well pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own souls, because you were dear to us.</p> <p>9 For <u>remember</u>², brothers, our labor and hardship, for, <u>by</u>³ working night and day in order not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.</p> <p>10 You and God [are] witnesses that we behaved devoutly and righteously and blamelessly toward you who believe,</p> <p>11 just as you know that [we came] for the purpose of exhorting and consoling and imploring you, each one of you, as a father [would] his own children,</p> <p>12 <u>that you should</u>⁴ walk worthily of God who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.</p> <p>13 Because of this we also give thanks to God unceasingly, <u>namely, that</u>⁵ when [you] received [the] word of [the] message, of God, from us, you accepted [it] not [as the] word of men, but, as it truly is, [as the] word of God, which also works in you who believe.</p> <p>14 For you, brothers, became [the] imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus which are in Judea, because you also suffered the same [things] at the hands of your own fellow countrymen, just as they also [suffered] at the hands of the Jews,</p> <p>15 who had killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and had persecuted us severely, and are not pleasing God, and [are] opposed to all men,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 2</p> <p>1) lit. "be in authoritative claim"</p> <p>2) or, "you remember"</p> <p>3) or, "while"</p> <p>4) or, "in order that you might"</p> <p>5) or, "because"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 2</p> <p>1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:</p> <p>2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.</p> <p>3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:</p> <p>4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.</p> <p>5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God <i>is</i> witness:</p> <p>6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor <i>yet</i> of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.</p> <p>7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:</p> <p>8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.</p> <p>9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.</p> <p>10 Ye <i>are</i> witnesses, and God <i>also</i>, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:</p> <p>11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father <i>doth</i> his children,</p> <p>12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.</p> <p>13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received <i>it</i> not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.</p> <p>14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they <i>have</i> of the Jews:</p> <p>15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:</p>

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16 by preventing⁶ us from speaking to the gentiles in order that they may be saved, with the result that [they] always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to [the] end.
 17 But we, brothers, because [we] were made orphans by separation from you for a short time⁷, in person not in heart, were all the more eager with great desire to see your face.
 18 Therefore we wanted to come to you (especially I, Paul, not only once but also twice), but Satan hindered us.
 19 For who [is] our hope or joy or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? [It is] even you, is it not so?
 20 Indeed you are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 2
 6) or, "trying to prevent"
 7) lit. "moment of time"

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.
 17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.
 18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.
 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?
 20 For ye are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

1 Therefore when¹ [we] could no longer bear [it], we determined to be left behind in Athens alone,
 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God and our fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen you and encourage you in your faith,
 3 in order that no one might be disturbed by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed for this,
 4 for even when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to be afflicted, just as it indeed happened, and you know.
 5 Because of this, when² [I] could no longer bear [it], I also sent to learn about your faith, [for fear] that perhaps the tempter had tempted you and our labor should be done in vain.
 6 But now when Timothy came to us from you, and brought us the good news of your faith and love and that you always had kindly remembrance of us, while longing to see us, just as we also [long to see] you,
 7 because of this, brothers, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted over you through your faith,
 8 because now we live, if you stand firm in [the] Lord.
 9 For what thanksgiving are we able to pay back to God on your behalf, for all the joy with which we rejoice because of you³ in the presence of our God?
 10 By praying exceedingly⁴ night and day that [we] should⁵ see your face and remedy the shortcomings of your faith.
 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus Christ direct our way to you;
 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all [men], just as we also [do] for you,
 13 in order that [he] may strengthen your hearts in holiness [to be] blameless in the presence of our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his holy [ones].

CHAPTER 3
 1) or, "because"
 2) or, "because"
 3) or, "for your sake"
 4) lit. "beyond by abundance"
 5) or, "in order that [we] may"

CHAPTER 3

1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;
 2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:
 3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
 4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.
 5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.
 6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:
 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
 8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.
 9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;
 10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?
 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
 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:
 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

CHAPTER 4

1 Finally then, brothers, we ask and exhort you in [the] Lord Jesus, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, that you should abound more and more¹.
 2 For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
 3 For this is [the] will of God, your sanctification, namely, that you should abstain from sexual immorality;
 4 that each [one] of you should know how to acquire his own vessel in holiness and honor,
 5 not in passion of lust, just as also the gentiles who do not know God;
 6 that no [man] should transgress and take advantage of his brother in the matter, because the Lord [is the] avenger with regard to all these [things], just as we also told you previously² and bore witness.
 7 For God did not call us for uncleanness, but to holiness.
 8 Therefore he who rejects [this] does not reject man but God, who also gave his holy Spirit to us.
 9 Now concerning brotherly love, you do not have a need that [I] should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another,
 10 for indeed you practice it toward all the brothers who [are] in all of Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, to abound more and more³,

CHAPTER 4
 1) lit. "more"
 2) or, "beforehand"
 3) lit. "more"

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1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
 9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
 10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

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11 and to aspire to be peaceable⁴ and to attend to your own [affairs] and to work with your own hands, just as we commanded you,
 12 in order that you may walk properly toward those [who are] outside and [in order that] you may have need of nothing⁵.
 13 Now I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, in order that you may not grieve, just as also the rest who have no hope.
 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose up, in this manner also God will bring with him those who fell asleep through Jesus.
 15 For this we say to you by [the] word of [the] Lord, namely, that we who are living, who are left behind until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who fell asleep,
 16 because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a cry of command, with [the] voice of [the] archangel and with [the] trumpet-sound of God, and the dead in Christ will rise up first;
 17 then we who are living, who are left behind, will be caught up together with them in [the] clouds for [the] meeting of the Lord in [the] air, and so we will always be with [the] Lord.
 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 4
 4) or, "live a quiet life"
 5) or, "no one"

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.
 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you do not have a need that [anything] should be written to you,
 2 for you yourselves know accurately that the day of [the] Lord comes as follows, as a thief in [the] night¹.
 3 For when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction comes upon them, just as birth pains upon her who is pregnant², and they will certainly not escape.
 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, with the result that the day should catch you as a thief.
 5 You all are [the] sons of light and [the] sons of [the] day; we do not belong to [the] night or to darkness.
 6 As a result, then, let us not sleep, as also the rest, but let us stay alert and be self-controlled.
 7 For those who sleep sleep during [the] night, and those who get drunk are drunk during [the] night;
 8 but because [we] belong to [the] day, let us be self-controlled by putting on ourselves [the] breastplate of faith and love, and [as] a helmet [the] hope of salvation,
 9 because God did not appoint us for wrath, but for [the] obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 10 who died on our behalf, so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we should live together with him.
 11 Therefore exhort³ one another and build up one another⁴, just as you are also doing.
 12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and preside over you in [the] Lord and admonish you,
 13 and to esteem them exceedingly⁵ in love because of their work. Keep the peace among yourselves.
 14 And we exhort you, brothers: admonish the disorderly, console the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient toward all [men].
 15 See that no man recompenses evil for evil to any [man], but always pursue that which is good both for one another and for all [men].
 16 Rejoice always;
 17 pray unceasingly;
 18 give thanks in every[thing]; for this [is the] will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 19 Do not extinguish the Spirit;
 20 do not disdain prophecies;
 21 examine all [things]; hold fast to that which is good;
 22 abstain from every form of evil.
 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you [to be] complete in every way, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept blamelessly whole at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 24 He who calls you [is] faithful, who will also do [this].
 25 Brothers, pray for us.
 26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.
 27 I adjure you by the Lord that the letter should be read to all the holy brothers.
 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you. Amen.

CHAPTER 5
 1) lit, "as a thief in [the] night, in this manner it comes"
 2) lit, "has in [the] womb"
 3) or, "encourage"
 4) lit, "one the one"
 5) lit, "beyond by abundance"

CHAPTER 5

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.
 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.
 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.
 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
 16 Rejoice evermore.
 17 Pray without ceasing.
 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
 19 Quench not the Spirit.
 20 Despise not prophesyings.
 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I* pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.
 25 Brethren, pray for us.
 26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.
 <The first epistle to the Thessalonians was written from Athens.>