

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO (FOI)

First Letter of Apostle Paulo to the THESSALONIANS

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Receivers and Responders.

Greetings and Thanksgiving.

Paulo greets the Thessalonian Followers.

Chapter 1.

1. Paulo, and Silvano, and Timotheo, unto the Ekklesia of the Thessalonians which is in Aleim the Father and in the Master IESO The Anointed One: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Aleim our Father, and the Master IESO The Anointed One.

Paulo's gratitude to Aleim.

2. We give thanks to Aleim always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

Why Paulo gave thanks to Aleim for the Thessolonian Followers.

3. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Master IESO The Anointed One, in the sight of Aleim and our Father;

4. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of Aleim.

The cause and effect of the changes in the lives of the Thessalonians.

The Glad Tidings (Gospel) caused the changes in the Thessolonian Followers.

5. For our Glad Tidings (Gospel) came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as you know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

The Thessalonians responded to the Glad Tidings (Gospel) by becoming followers.

6. And you became followers of us, and of the Master, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

The Thessalonians responded to the Glad Tidings (Gospel) by becoming examples.

7. So that you were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

The Thessalonians responded by sounding forth the Word of the Ruler.

8. For from you sounded out the word of the Master not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Aleim-word is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything.

9. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how you turned to Aleim from idols to serve the living and true Aleim;

10. And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even IESO, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Marks of Paulo's Ministry.

Paulo proves he was sincere and not a charlatan.

The integrity of Paulo's ministry in Thessalonica.

Chapter 2.

1. For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:
2. But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as you know, at Philippi, we were bold in our Aleim to speak unto you the Glad Tidings (Gospel) of Aleim with much contention.

The integrity of Paulo's message in Thessalonica.

3. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:
4. But as we were allowed of Aleim to be put in trust with the Glad Tidings (Gospel), even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but Aleim, which tried our hearts.
5. For neither at anytime used we flattering words, as you know, nor a cloke of covetousness; Aleim is witness:

Paulo's gentle, humbly attitude among the Thessolonians demonstrated his motives were pure.

6. Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.
7. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

Paulo's self-support and hard work among the Thessolonians demonstrated that his motives were pure.

8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Glad Tidings (Gospel) of Aleim only, but also our own souls, because you were dear unto us.
9. For you 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 Glad Tidings (Gospel) of Aleim.

Paulo's own behaviour and message to the Thessolonians demonstrates the integrity of his character before Aleim and man.

10. You are witnesses, and Aleim also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11. As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged everyone of you, as a father doth his children,

12. That you would walk worthy of Aleim, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory.

More Thanksgiving for the work Aleim did in the Thessolonians.

Paulo is thankful that they welcomed the Glad Tidings (Gospel) as Aleim's message, not man's.

13. For this cause also thank we Aleim without ceasing, because, when you received the word of Aleim which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of Aleim, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

The Thessalonians welcomed suffering when they welcomed the Word, yet they stood steadfast.

14. For you, brethren, became followers of the Ekklesias of Aleim which in Judaea are in Christ IESO: for you also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

15. Who both killed the Master IESO, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not Aleim, and are contrary to all men:

16. Forbidding us to speak to the Nations that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Paulo explains his absence from the Thessolonians.

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 Paulo, once and again; but satan hindered us.

19. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you in the presence of our Master IESO The Anointed One at His coming?

20. For you are our glory and joy.

Appointed to Affliction.

An appointment to Affliction.

Why Paulo sent Timotheo to the Thessalonians.

Chapter 3.

1. Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;
2. And sent Timotheo, our brother, and minister of Aleim, and our fellowlabourer in the Glad Tidings (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.

Affliction should never surprise the Follower.

4. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and you know.

Paulo's urgency in sending Timotheo to the Thessalonians.

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.

Timotheo' encouraging report.

The good news from Timotheo.

6. But now when Timotheo came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that you have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

The effect of the good news on Paulo.

7. Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:
8. For now we live, if you stand fast in the Master.
9. For what thanks can we render to Aleim again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our Aleim;

Paulo's prayer for the Thessalonians.

10. Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Paulo prays that he may be reunited with the Thessalonians soon, because to make up what is lacking, they needed apostolic influence.

11. Now Aleim Himself and our Father, and our Master IESO The Anointed One, direct our way unto you.

To make up what is lacking, they must increase and abound in love.

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

To make up what is lacking, they needed hearts established in holiness.

13. To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before Aleim, even our Father, at the coming of our Master IESO The Anointed One with all His saints.

Confidence in the Coming of IESO.

Instructions regarding sexual purity.

How to walk and to please Aleim.

Chapter 4.

1. Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Master IESO, that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please Aleim, so you would abound more and more.

2. For you know what commandments we gave you by the Master IESO. .

The command to be sexually pure.

3. For this is the will of Aleim, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication:

4. That everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Nations which know not Aleim:

Reasons for the command.

6. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Master is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7. For Aleim hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but Aleim, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit.

Living the quiet life before Aleim.

We should live a life of increasing love.

9. But as touching brotherly love you need not that I write unto you: for you yourselves are taught of Aleim to love one another.

10. And indeed you do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

We should live a life of work and also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

11. And that you study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

We should live a life that is an example, lacking nothing.

12. That you may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that you may have lack of nothing.

The believing dead are thought of as being "asleep".

13. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

There is full assurance that Followers who have died yet live.

14. For if we believe that IESO died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in IESO will Aleim bring with Him.

Those asleep in IESO are not at a disadvantage.

15. For this we say unto you by the word of the Master, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Master shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16. For the Master Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Aleim: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

IESO comes to meet His Ekklesia.

17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

The exhortation: comfort one another.

18. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Ready for the Day of the Ruler.

Teaching about readiness for IESO' coming.

The suddenness of IESO' coming.

Chapter 5.

1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.
2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Master 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.

The basis for Paulo's exhortations.

4. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5. You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Paulo's exhortations: be awake, sober and watchful.

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.

The security of our future.

9. For Aleim hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Master IESO The Anointed One,
10. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Our privilege: comfort one another.

11. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also you do.

Urging and exhorting.

Paulo urges them to do three things in regard to their leaders.

12. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Master, and admonish you;

13. And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Paulo exhorts them in how to deal with difficult people.

14. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the Feeble minded, 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.

Regarding their personal worship.

16. Rejoice evermore.

17. Pray without ceasing.

18. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of Aleim in Christ IESO concerning you.

Paulo's exhorts them in their public worship.

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.

Conclusion

Complete sanctification as Aleim's work in us.

23. And the very Aleim of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray Aleim your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Master IESO The Anointed One.

24. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

A request for prayer and a greeting given.

25. Brethren, pray for us.

26. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

Conclusion to the letter.

27. I charge you by the Master that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28. The grace of our Master IESO The Anointed One be with you. Amen.

KJV Footnotes

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The following was added by editors of the KJV:

The first epistle to the Thessalonians was written from Athens.