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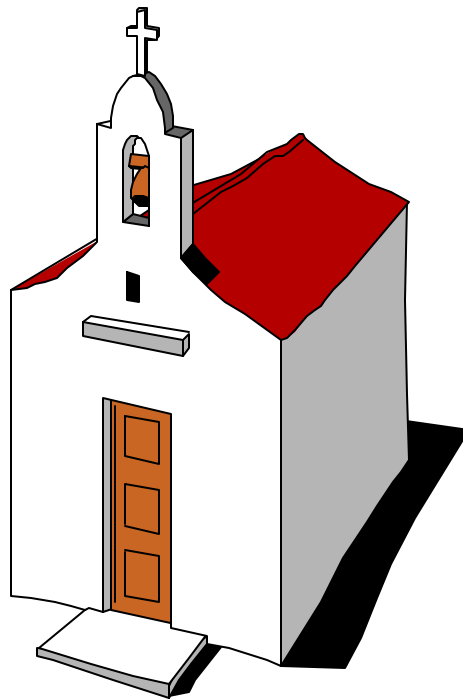
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God will use persecution to show His Justice

We are indeed obligated to give thanks always to God for you as fitting because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of each of you toward others is increasing and abounds. Others know of your faith and steadfastness in the face of persecutions and crushing distresses and afflictions and how you hold up. God will use this persecution to show his justice. He will make you worthy of His kingdom for which you are suffering! And He will punish with distress and affliction those who persecute you. God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted when He appears from heaven. He will come with His mighty angels in flaming fire bringing judgment to those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the



A letter to the believers in the local church located at Thessalonica.

Hold fast to your faith it is worth the temporary pain.

Good News of our Lord Jesus They will be punished with everlasting destruction and eternal exclusion and banishment from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

But when He comes you will be among those praising Him on that day for you believed

Paul writes second letter to the believers at Thessalonica

Greetings from Paul, Silas and Timothy to you who are believers and belong to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May our God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

It seems that Paul had heard that some who claimed to be acting on his authority were teaching was coming back immediately. In response, some of the Thessalonians had neglected to work in order to wait on the Lord's return. Paul pointed out the importance of taking care of daily duties and Christian living in view of the second coming.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU WHO ARE IN CHRIST

Remembering the persecution that you endure, we constantly pray for you that God will make you worthy of the life to which he called you and we pray that God by his power will fulfill all your good intentions and faithful deeds. May God count you worthy of your calling and purpose of goodness with power complete in every particular work of faith. Have faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness. May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified and become more glorious through and in you and may you also be glorified in Him according to the grace which is the favor and blessing of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One. Everyone will give honor to the name of our Lord Jesus because of you and this is all made possible because of the undeserved favor of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ!



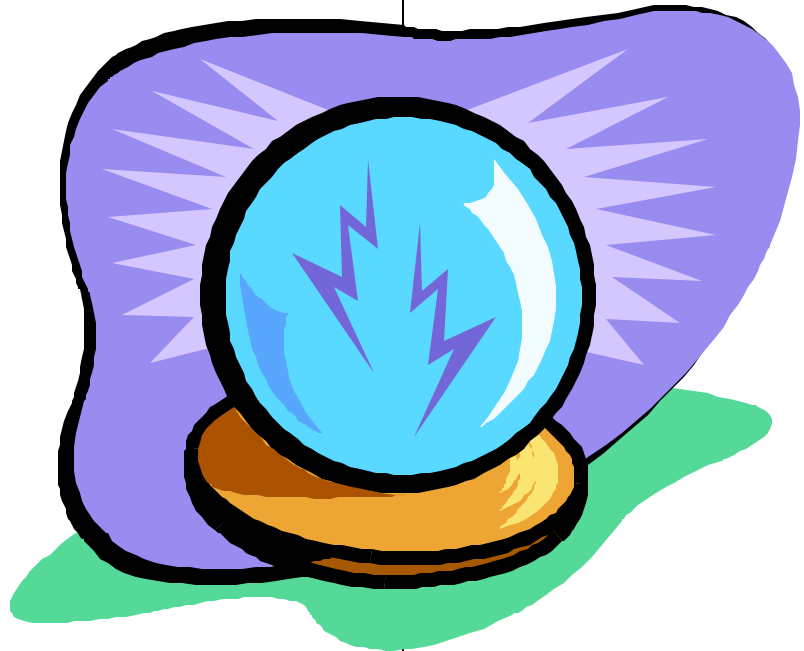
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Stand firm. We always thank God for you dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation. You have salvation through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and your belief in and adherence to trust in and reliance on the Truth. So then brethren hold fast to the traditions and instruction which you were taught by us whether by our word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ

Himself and God our Father who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and encouragement and well founded hope through His grace and unmerited favor, comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them and make them steadfast and keep them unswerving in good work and word. May our God who loved us and in his special favor gave us comfort and hope give you comfort and strength in every good thing you do and say.

Return of the Lord

About the coming of the Lord and our gathering together to meet Him, do not allow your minds to be unsettled or disturbed or kept excited or alarmed whether it be some pretended revelation of the Spirit or by word or by letter alleged to be from us to the effect that the day of the Lord has already arrived and is here. Don't believe them. Don't be fooled by what they say. That day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the one who brings destruction. He will exalt himself and defy every god there is and tear down every object of adoration and worship. He will position himself in the temple of god claiming that he himself is God. He can be revealed only when his time comes. The mystery of lawlessness is that hidden principle of rebellion against constituted authority is already at work in the world but it is restrained only until he who restrains is taken out of the way. And the lawless one or Antichrist will be revealed and the Lord Jesus will slay



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him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end by the splendor of His appearing and coming. The evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. He will use every din of wicked deception to fool those who are on their way to destruction because they refuse to believe the truth that would set them free. God will send great deception on them and they

will believe his lies. They will be condemned for not believing the truth and enjoying the evil they do.

The day of the Lord will not come until:

1. The great apostasy (falling away)(I Tim 4)
2. The antichrist
 - A. exhalts himself
 - B. takes seat in the temple in Jerusalem
 - C. proclaims himself as god

(Dan 7,8&11; Ezek 28)

WHAT ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST?

The bad news...

Daniel 7:23: Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24: And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25: And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26: But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27: And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Daniel 8:23: And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24: And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25: And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Good News

Isaiah 11: 1: And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and



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understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

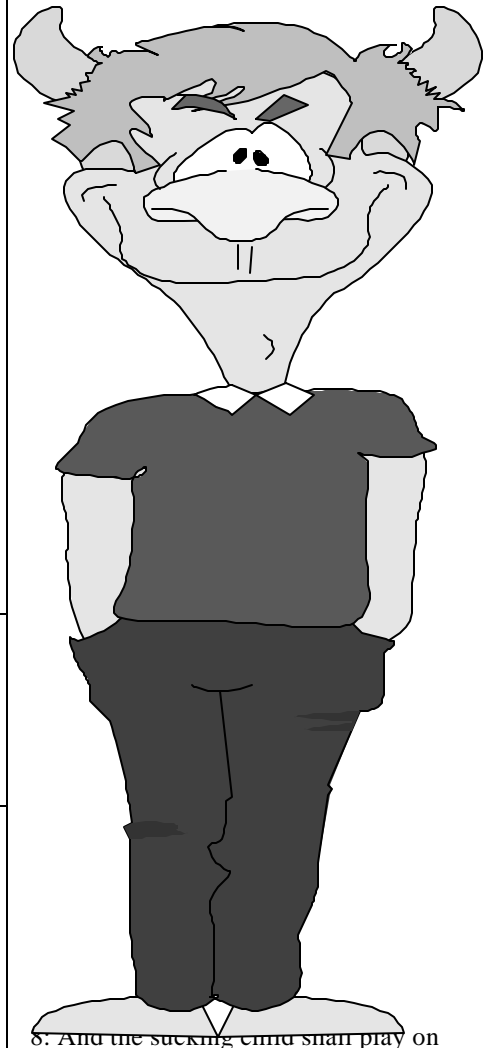
3: And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5: And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6: The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7: And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.



8: And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9: They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

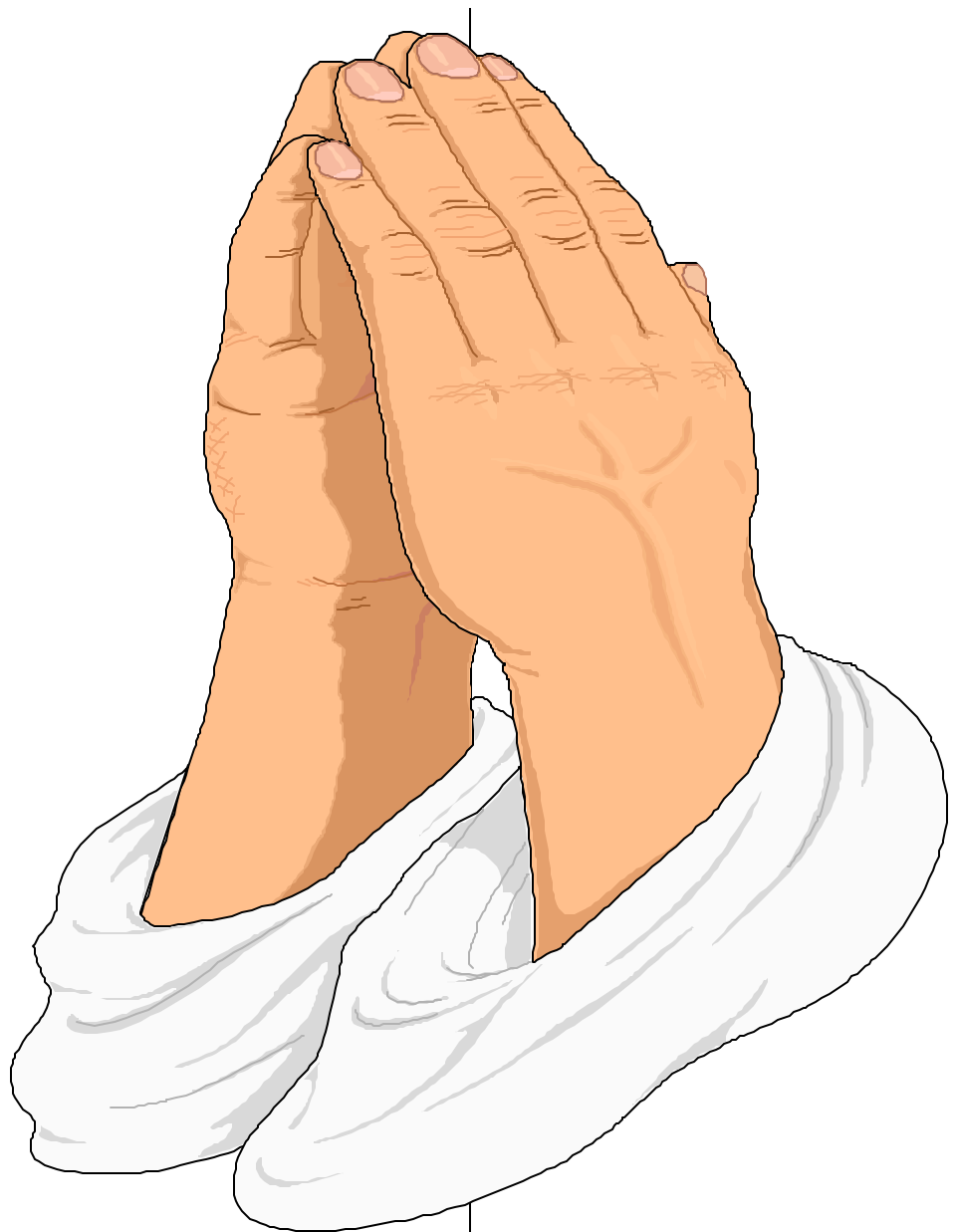
10: And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

12: And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

PRAY FOR US AS WE MINISTER

Finally dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be glorified and extolled and triumph even as it has done with you. Pray also that we will be saved from wicked and evil people for not everyone has faith and is held by it.

The Lord is faithful, He will make you strong, set you on a firm foundation and guard you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord touching you that you both do and will do the things which we command you. Continue to practice right things just as you do now. May the Lord direct your hearts into realizing



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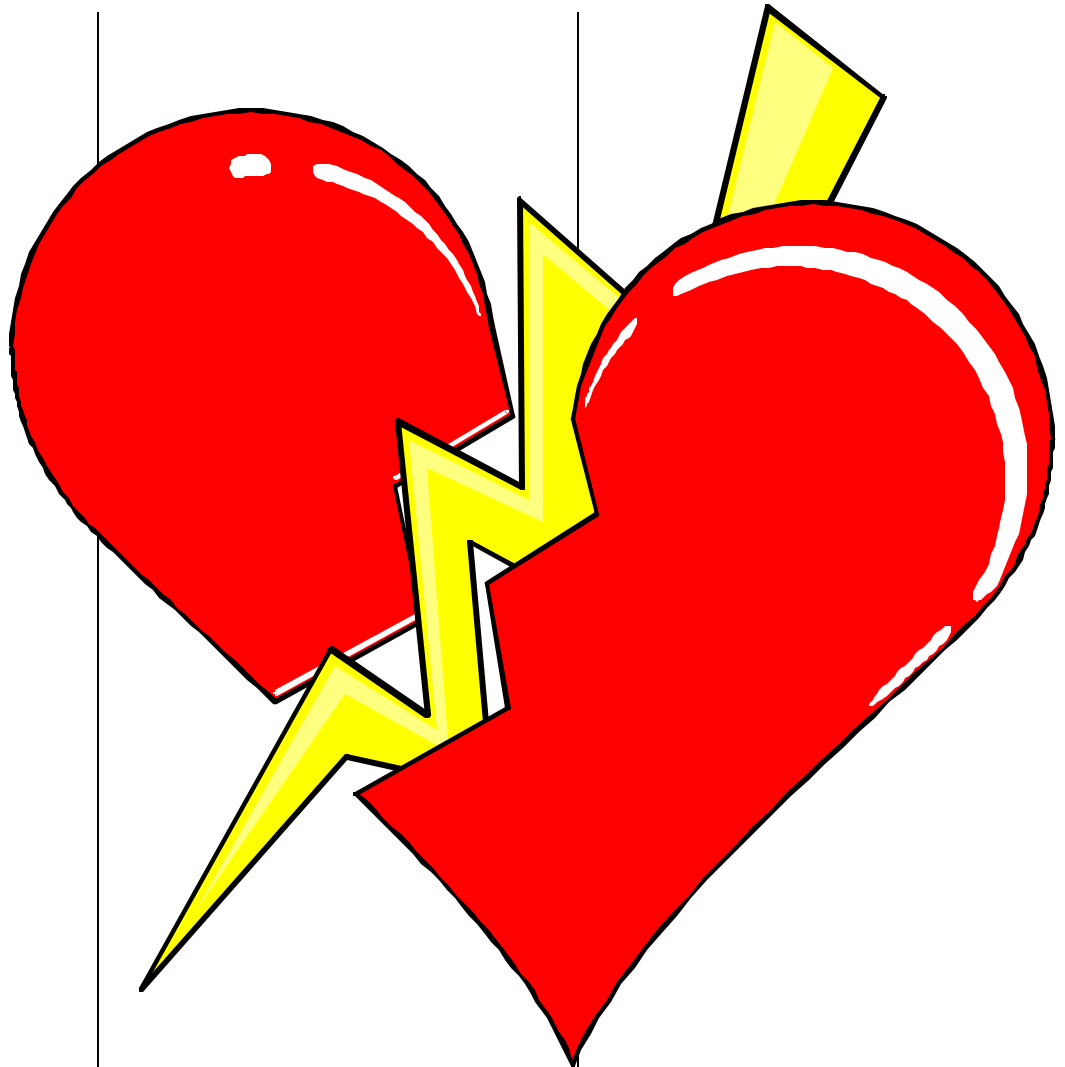
return.
Depend upon the power of the Lord to give you strength and to deliver you from evil. In all things,

depend upon God. It pleases Him that we see Him as our source in all things.

EXHORTATION AND INSTRUCTION

We give you this command with the authority of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Stay away from any Christian who lives in idleness and doesn't follow the tradition of hard work we gave you. Follow our example and we were never lazy. We did not accept gifts from anyone without paying for them. We worked hard day and night that we would not be a burden to you. It was not that we did not have the right to ask you to feed us as we ministered to you but we wanted to give you a correct example to follow. Even while we were with you, we gave you the rule, "Whoever does not work should not eat."

We hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and wasting time meddling in other people's business instead of their own and doing no work as is becoming a true believer. **In the name of Jesus, we**



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To the rest if you dear brothers and sisters I say, never tire of doing good. If anyone in the church

may be ashamed. Do regard him as an enemy, but warn him as still being a brother.