

R _____ (6-8)

GOOD NEWS (6)

εὐαγγελίζω (euangelizō)

*This verb is usually reserved for **gospel preaching**

* Only here and Rev 10:7 does it refer to anything other than the **good news of salvation**

* Paul use of this word shows his **high esteem for the Thessalonians**

REMEMBER & LONG

Not only does Timothy's report reveal the state of their Faith and Love, but also that **their regard for Paul is the same as his regard for them (2:17-20)**.

R _____ (9)

WHAT THANKSGIVING?

Paul knows that **words are inadequate** to truly express **thanks** for what **God has done through the Thessalonians**

R _____ (10-13)

WE PRAY



*Even with Timothy's report of "good news" about their **Faith and Love**, it **does not mean they no longer have room to grow in Faith & Love!**

*Paul prays God will...

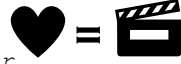
- (1) **SUPPLY WHAT IS LACKING IN YOUR FAITH**
- (2) **MAKE YOU INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER**

*If we are alive, there is **ALWAYS room to grow and mature in our Faith and Love.**

-Heb 5:12-14; 1Co 3:1-3; 1Pe 2:2-3; 2Pe 2:18;

Paul has just described how his **fear and anxiety (3:1-5)** about these new Christians had led to him sending **Timothy back to them.**

6 But now that **Timothy** has **come to us** from you, and has brought us the **good news** of your **faith and love** and reported that you always **remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—**



Gal 5:6 "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but **only faith working through love.**"

LOVE = ἀγάπη agapē - Agape love is ALWAYS shown by what it DOES!

7 for this reason, brothers, in all our **distress and affliction we have been comforted** about you through your **faith.**



Timothy's report has taken a great weight off Paul's shoulders

8 For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. <- STAND FIRM: Gal 5:1; Phil 4:1-2; 2Th 2:15

9 For what thanksgiving can we **return to God** for you, **for all the joy that we feel** for your sake before our God, <- **1 COR 3:6-7**

Paul gives God all the credit for the response of the Thessalonians to the gospel message.

10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you **face to face** and **supply what is lacking in your faith?**

FACE TO FACE / DIRECT OUR WAY: Acts 20:1-6

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our **Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,**

12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

13 so that he may establish your hearts **blameless in holiness** before our **God and Father,** at the **coming of our Lord Jesus** with all his saints. <- **1TH 4:13-18**

COME TO US...



See Acts 18:5

"When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word..."

*Timothy's report was almost certainly the **primary motivation** for sending this letter.

FAITH AND LOVE (1:3)

-Your work of **faith**
 *Eph 2:8-10; Jam 2:14-26
 -Labor of **love** *Gal 5:6
Faith is where we put the WEIGHT of our lives...Love is that faith LIVED OUT!
 -Mt 22:34-40; Rom 12:9-21

LOVE GOD (VERTICAL)

-Exo 20:3-11
 -Deu 6:5, 10:12-13, 11:1
 -John 14:15, 21, 23-24
 -1Jn 2:3-6; 15-17; 3:10, 21-24, 5:2-3



LOVE NEIGHBOR (HORIZONTAL)

-Exo 20:12-17
 -Lev 19:18
 -Mt 25:31-36
 -Jn 13:31-35
 -Rom 13:9,10
 -Jam 2:8
 -1Jn 2:7-11; 4:7-5:12



Doing God's will is what defines one who loves God & Neighbor, but it will never cause us to earn our salvation (Eph 2:8-10):

C _____

VS

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BLAMELESS

Jesus **establishes us and cleanses us** to appear **guiltless** before Him in judgment! (Col 1:22; 1Co 1:8)

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11 > "And it is **my prayer** that your **love may abound more and more,** with knowledge and all discernment, **so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Blanks

Relief

Characteristics NOT Criteria

Return

Raise

But Now

1 Thessalonians 3:1–5 (ESV)

¹ Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

Come to Us

Acts 18:5 (ESV)

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

Good News

Revelation 10:7 (ESV)

⁷ but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

2294 εὐαγγελίζω (*euangelizō*): vb.; ≡ DBLHebr 1413; Str 2097; TDNT 2.707—LN 33.215 **tell the good news**, preach the gospel (Mt 11:5; Lk 2:10; 3:18; Ac 5:42; 10:36; Ro 1:15; 10:15; Gal 1:8; Eph 2:17; 1Th 3:6; Heb 4:6; 1Pe 4:6; Rev 10:7; 14:6)¹

2097. εὐαγγελίζω *euaggelizō*; from 2095 and 32*a*; *to announce good news*:—bring ... good news(2), bring good news(1), brought ... good news(1), good news(5), good news preached(2), gospel(2), gospel preached(2), preach(4), preach the gospel(11), preach ... a gospel(1), preach ... the good news(1), preached(11), preached the gospel(4),

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). In *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

preaching(8), preaching the good news(1), preaching the gospel(4), preaching ... a gospel(1).²

Faith & Love

Galatians 5:6 (ESV)

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only **faith working through love**.

Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ For by **grace you have been saved through faith**. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the gift of God, ⁹ **not a result of works**, so that **no one may boast**. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

James 2:14–26 (ESV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, **if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?** ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead**.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Matthew 22:34–40 (ESV)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** ³⁸ **This is the great and first commandment.** ³⁹ **And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰ **On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

² Thomas, R. L. (1998). In *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Foundation Publications, Inc.

Romans 12:9–21 (ESV)

⁹ **Let love be genuine.** Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Love God (Vertical Relationship)

Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

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All of God's Commandments Deal with either Loving God or Loving Neighbor

Deuteronomy – 4 speeches by Moses prior to the children of Israel entering the land of Canaan (1st speech talked about the failures of the first generation)

Chapter 4 – Reminds them of the Statutes, Rules, Commandments (three ways of saying the same thing)

Chapter 5 – Repeats the 10 Commandments for the current generation

Chapter 6 – Love God with ALL your heart, ALL your soul, All your Might

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to

your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Chapter 10 – Loving God = doing what God commanded

Deuteronomy 10:12-16 (ESV)

¹²"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, **to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,** ¹³**and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?** ¹⁴Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Chapter 11 – Loving God = doing what God commanded

Deuteronomy 11:1 (ESV)

¹"You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

Jesus also equated the keeping of commandments to loving God

John 14:15 (ESV)

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:21 (ESV)

²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

John 14:23-24 (ESV)

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

This was echoed by his Apostles

1 John 2:3–6 (ESV)

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴**Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar,** and the truth

is not in him, ⁵ but **whoever keeps his word**, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:15–17 (ESV)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever **does the will of God** abides forever.

1 John 3:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: **whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:21–24 (ESV)

²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, **because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him**. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV)

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when **we love God and obey his commandments**. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Love Neighbor (Horizontal Relationship)

Leviticus 19:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the Lord.

Romans 13:9-10 (ESV)

⁹The commandments, "**You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,**" and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**" ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

James 2:8 (ESV)

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

Matthew 25:31–46 (ESV)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 13:31–35 (ESV)

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 2:7–11 (ESV)

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰

Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 4:7–5:12 (ESV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, **if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.** ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Remember & Long

1 Thessalonians 2:17–20 (ESV)

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

Stand Firm

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Philippians 4:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

Credit to God

1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (ESV)

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but **God gave the growth.** ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

Face to Face

Acts 20:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas,

We Pray / Room to Grow

Hebrews 5:12–14 (ESV)

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

1 Corinthians 3:1–3 (ESV)

¹ But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

1 Peter 2:2–3 (ESV)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2 Peter 2:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

Philippians 1:9–11 (ESV)

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Blameless

Colossians 1:22 (ESV)

²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

1 Corinthians 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (ESV)

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Timothy

Acts 16:1–5 (ESV)

¹ Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

Acts 17:14–15 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Acts 18:5 (ESV)

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

Philippians 2:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

1 Timothy 1:2 (ESV)

² To Timothy, my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:2 (ESV)

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:6–8 (ESV)

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— ⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.