## The Composite Reflection Bible

The Composite Reflection Bible is intended to make you think more deeply about the text by progressive comparison of literal versions. The mind works differently when understanding one text, when comparing two texts and when looking at more than two. As a result, an over-all meaning is obtained, which I call a "composite" understanding. When you have reached this level of understanding, you will want to record your thoughts about what the text now says, what it means to you spiritually and how you plan to apply its meaning to your life. I hope that you will find this work a help in your studies and a blessing in understanding what God would like you to know.

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The World English Bible

American Standard Version of 1901

Young's Literal Translation

## 1 Thessalonians

- 1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the assembly of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

  Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

  Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, to the assembly of Thessalonians in God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ!
- We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention [of you] in our prayers; We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
- 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father; unceasingly remembering of you the work of the faith, and the labour of the love, and the endurance of the hope, of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the presence of our God and Father,

- 4 We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen, knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election, having known, brethren beloved, by God, your election,
- and that our gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of men we showed ourselves to be among you for your sake. how that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and [in] much assurance; even as ye know what manner of men we showed ourselves toward you for your sake.

because our good news did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance, even as ye have known of what sort we became among you because of you,

6 You became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit;

and ye -- ye did become imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

- 7 so that you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. so that ye became an ensample to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. so that ye became patterns to all those believing in Macedonia and Achaia,
- 8 For from you has sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith toward God has gone forth; so that we need not to say anything.

  For from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith to God-ward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak anything.

  for from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God did go forth, so that we have no need to say anything,

9 For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

for they themselves concerning us do declare what entrance we had unto you, and how ye did turn unto God from the idols, to serve a living and true God,

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead -- Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

and to wait for His Son from the heavens, whom He did raise out of the dead -- Jesus, who is rescuing us from the anger that is coming.

1 For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you hasn't been found vain,

For yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it hath not been found vain:

For yourselves have known, brethren, our entrance in unto you, that it did not become vain,

2 but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our God to tell you the gospel of God in much conflict.

but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as ye know, at Philippi, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God in much conflict.

but having both suffered before, and having been injuriously treated (as ye have known) in Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the good news of God in much conflict,

3 For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deception.

For our exhortation [is] not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: for our exhortation [is] not out of deceit, nor out of uncleanness, nor in guile,

4 But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.

but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts.

but as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the good news, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, who is proving our hearts,

5 For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness (God is witness),

For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness;

for at no time did we come with speech of flattery, (as ye have known,) nor in a pretext for covetousness, (God [is] witness!)

6 nor seeking glory from men (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ.

nor seeking glory of men, neither from you nor from others, when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ.

nor seeking of men glory, neither from you nor from others, being able to be burdensome, as Christ's apostles.

7 But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherishes her own children.

But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: But we became gentle in your midst, as a nurse may cherish her own children,

8 Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us.

even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear to us.

so being desirous of you, we are well-pleased to impart to you not only the good news of God, but also our own souls, because beloved ye have become to us,

9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and travail. Working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

for ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail, for, night and day working not to be a burden upon any of you, we did preach to you the good news of God;

10 You are witnesses with God, how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe.

Ye are witnesses, and God [also], how holily and righteously and unblameably we behaved ourselves toward you that believe:

ye [are] witnesses -- God also -- how kindly and righteously, and blamelessly to you who believe we became,

11 As you know how we exhorted, comforted, and implored everyone of you, as a father does his own children,

as ye know how we [dealt with] each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging [you], and testifying,

even as ye have known, how each one of you, as a father his own children, we are exhorting you, and comforting, and testifying,

12 to the end that you should walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
to the end that ye should walk worthily of God, who calleth you into his own kingdom and glory.
for your walking worthily of God, who is calling you to His own reign and glory.

13 For this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message of God, you accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you who believe.

And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, [even the word] of God, ye accepted [it] not [as] the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe.

Because of this also, we -- we do give thanks to God continually, that, having received the word of hearing from us of God, ye accepted, not the word of man, but as it is truly, the word of God, who also doth work in you who believe;

14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the assemblies of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews; For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; for ye became imitators, brethren, of the assemblies of God that are in Judea in Christ Jesus, because such things ye suffered, even ye, from your own countrymen, as also they from the Jews,

- who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and didn't please God, and are contrary to all men;
  - who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and pleased not God, and are contrary to all men;

who did both put to death the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and did persecute us, and God they are not pleasing, and to all men [are] contrary,

- 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come on them to the uttermost.
  - forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

forbidding us to speak to the nations that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always, but the anger did come upon them -- to the end!

- 17 But we, brothers, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, tried even harder to see your face with great desire,
  - But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence not in heart, endeavored the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire:

And we, brethren, having been taken from you for the space of an hour -- in presence, not in heart -- did hasten the more abundantly to see your face in much desire,

because we wanted to come to you -- indeed, I, Paul, once and again -- but Satan hindered us. because we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and Satan hindered us. wherefore we wished to come unto you, (I indeed Paul,) both once and again, and the Adversary did hinder us;

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Isn't it even you, before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

for what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? are not even ye before our Lord Jesus Christ in his presence?

20 For you are our glory and our joy.

For ye are our glory and our joy. for ye are our glory and joy.

1 Therefore, when we couldn't stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,

Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone; Wherefore no longer forbearing, we thought good to be left in Athens alone,

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith;

and sent Timothy, our brother and God's minister in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort [you] concerning your faith;

and did send Timotheus -- our brother, and a ministrant of God, and our fellow-workman in the good news of the Christ -- to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith,

3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task. that no man be moved by these afflictions; for yourselves know that hereunto we are appointed. that no one be moved in these tribulations, for yourselves have known that for this we are set,

4 For most assuredly, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction, even as it happened, and you know.

For verily, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

for even when we were with you, we said to you beforehand, that we are about to suffer tribulation, as also it did come to pass, and ye have known [it];

- 5 For this cause I also, when I couldn't stand it any longer, sent that I might know your faith, for fear that by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor would have been in vain.

  For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor should be in vain.

  because of this also, I, no longer forbearing, did send to know your faith, lest he who is tempting did tempt you, and in vain might be our labour.
- 6 But when Timothy came just now to us from you, and brought us glad news of your faith and love, and that you have good memories of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see you;
  But when Timothy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also [to see] you;

And now Timotheus having come unto us from you, and having declared good news to us of your faith and love, and that ye have a good remembrance of us always, desiring much to see us, as we also [to see] you,

7 for this cause, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your

for this cause, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith:

because of this we were comforted, brethren, over you, in all our tribulation and necessity, through your faith,

8 For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

because now we live, if ye may stand fast in the Lord;

9 For what thanksgiving can we render again to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God;

For what thanksgiving can we render again unto God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

for what thanks are we able to recompense to God for you, for all the joy with which we do joy because of you in the presence of our God?

10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

night and day exceedingly beseeching, that we might see your face, and perfect the things lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you; Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way unto you. And our God and Father Himself, 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 also do toward you,

and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also [do] toward you;

and you the Lord cause to increase and to abound in the love to one another, and to all, even as we also to you,

13 to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

to the establishing your hearts blameless in sanctification before our God and Father, in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Finally then, brothers, we beg and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, -- that you abound more and more.

Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk, --that ye abound more and more.

As to the rest, then, brethren, we request you, and call upon you in the Lord Jesus, as ye did receive from us how it behoveth you to walk and to please God, that ye may abound the more,

2 For you know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

For ye know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus. for ye have known what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus,

3 For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality, For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; for this is the will of God -- your sanctification; that ye abstain from the whoredom,

4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, that each of you know his own vessel to possess in sanctification and honour,

5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who don't know God; not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; not in the affection of desire, as also the nations that were not knowing God,

6 that no one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or sister in this matter; because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified.

that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified.

that no one go beyond and defraud in the matter his brother, because an avenger [is] the Lord of all these, as also we spake before to you and testified,

- 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification.
  For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification.
  for God did not call us on uncleanness, but in sanctification;
- 8 Therefore he who rejects, doesn't reject man, but God, who has also given his Holy Spirit to you.

  Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you.

  he, therefore, who is despising -- doth not despise man, but God, who also did give His Holy Spirit to us.
- 9 But concerning brotherly love, you have no need that one write to you. For you yourselves are taught by God to love one another,

But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another;

And concerning the brotherly love, ye have no need of [my] writing to you, for ye yourselves are Godtaught to love one another,

10 for indeed you do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and more;

for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound more and more;

for ye do it also to all the brethren who [are] in all Macedonia; and we call upon you, brethren, to abound still more,

and that you make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we charged you;

and that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your hands, even as we charged you;

and to study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we did command you,

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12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and may have need of nothing.
that ye may walk becomingly toward them that are without, and may have need of nothing.
that ye may walk becomingly unto those without, and may have lack of nothing.

13 But we don't want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you don't grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope.

And I do not wish you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, that ye may not sorrow, as also the rest who have not hope,

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also God those asleep through Jesus he will bring with him,

15 For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep.

for this to you we say in the word of the Lord, that we who are living -- who do remain over to the presence of the Lord -- may not precede those asleep,

16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first,

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;

because the Lord himself, in a shout, in the voice of a chief-messenger, and in the trump of God, shall come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ shall 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. So we will be with the Lord forever.

then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

then we who are living, who are remaining over, together with them shall be caught away in clouds to meet the Lord in air, and so always with the Lord we shall be;

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

so, then, comfort ye one another in these words.

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you.

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you.

And concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need of my writing to you,

2 For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.
For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
for yourselves have known thoroughly that the day of the Lord as a thief in the night doth so come,

3 For when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape.

When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape.

for when they may say, Peace and surety, then sudden destruction doth stand by them, as the travail [doth] her who is with child, and they shall not escape;

4 But you, brothers, aren't in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief:

out ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief and ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day may catch you as a thief;

- 5 You are all sons of light, and sons of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness, for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; all ye are sons of light, and sons of day; we are not of night, nor of darkness,
- 6 so then let's not sleep, as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober. so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. so, then, we may not sleep as also the others, but watch and be sober,
- 7 For those who sleep, sleep in the night, and those who are drunken are drunken in the night.
  For they that sleep sleep in the night: and they that are drunken are drunken in the night.
  for those sleeping, by night do sleep, and those making themselves drunk, by night are drunken,
- 8 But let us, since we belong to the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

and we, being of the day -- let us be sober, putting on a breastplate of faith and love, and an helmet -- a hope of salvation,

9 For God didn't appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, For God appointed us not into wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

because God did not appoint us to anger, but to the acquiring of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

who did die for us, that whether we wake -- whether we sleep -- together with him we may live;

- 11 Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as you also do.

  Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

  wherefore, comfort ye one another, and build ye up, one the one, as also ye do.
- 12 But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you,

But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

And we ask you, brethren, to know those labouring among you, and leading you in the Lord, and admonishing you,

- and to respect and honor them in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. and to esteem them very abundantly in love, because of their work; be at peace among yourselves;
- 14 We exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all.

And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all.

and we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the infirm, be patient unto all;

15 See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that which is good, towards one another, and towards all.

See that none render unto any one evil for evil; but always follow after that which is good, one toward another, and toward all.

see no one evil for evil may render to any one, but always that which is good pursue ye, both to one another and to all;

- 16 Rejoice always.
  Rejoice always;
  always rejoice ye;
- 17 Pray without ceasing, pray without ceasing; continually pray ye;
- 18 In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. in every thing give thanks, for this [is] the will of God in Christ Jesus in regard to you.
- 19 Don't quench the Spirit.

  Quench not the Spirit;

  The Spirit quench not;
- 20 Don't despise prophesies. despise not prophesyings; prophesyings despise not;
- 21 Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. prove all things; hold fast that which is good; all things prove; that which is good hold fast;
- 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

  abstain from every form of evil.

  from all appearance of evil abstain ye;

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

and the God of the peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved unblameably in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ;

24 Faithful is he who calls you, who will also do it.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it. stedfast is He who is calling you, who also will do [it].

25 Brothers, pray for us.

Brethren, pray for us. Brethren, pray for us;

26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss. salute all the brethren in an holy kiss;

27 I solemnly charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the brethren.

I charge you [by] the Lord, that the letter be read to all the holy brethren;

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [is] with you! Amen.