

Lesson II.

THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS

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1 Thessalonians, chs. 1 ; 4 : 13-18. Study 1 Thessalonians, chs. 1 ; 2 : 17-20 ; 4 : 13-18.

*Scripture Memory Verse, Luke 10 : 31.

Golden Text—If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.—1 Thessalonians 4 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).



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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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

This is a story about a letter which was sent to the people who loved Jesus at Thessalonica. That was the name of a place where Paul and Silas went to preach about Jesus, and the angry Jews tried to get hold of them to hurt them, so the missionaries went away to another city, but they had left their glad message, and the people there who became followers of Jesus started a church. This letter was for the people who belonged to that church.

It was not a letter like those which come to us in an envelope through the post office with a stamp on to pay their way by train or boat. This letter was a roll of parchment made from the skin of an animal. A mes-

1 Paul, and Silva'nus, and Timoth'eus, unto the church of the Thessalo'nians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Je'sus Christ : Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Je'sus Christ.

2 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 labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Je'sus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father ;

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

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.

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

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedo'nia and Acha'i'a.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedo'nia and Acha'i'a, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad ; so that we need not to speak any thing.

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 ;

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

Ch. 4 : 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 Je'sus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Je'sus 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

senger had carried the letter to Thessalonica. He would have to go in a boat, for the letter was written at a place called Corinth, many miles away across the sea.

One day, while the people were in church, the letter was brought to them. They were very eager to open the roll and they crowded around to hear it read.

First of all, Paul wished that they might have God's loving favor and peace. Paul said, "We thank God always for you all, and we pray for you. We never forget your work of faith and love and hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ, and we know that God has made you his own dear children, and has sent the Holy Spirit to you."

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