## THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS Lesson II.

LESSON SETTING-Paul wrote 1 Thessalonians from Corinth.

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.-I Thessalonians 4 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).

\*Memorize John 1: 35-37. THE LESSON PASSAGE--1 Thessalonians, chs. 1; 4: 13-18. Study 1 Thessalonians, chs. 1; 2:17-20; 4:13-18.

1 Paul, and Silva'nus, and <sup>1</sup> Timoth'eus, unto the church of the Thessalo'nians, <sup>2</sup> which is in God the Father, and <sup>1</sup> in the Lord Je'sus Christ : Grace <sup>4</sup> 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

2. We give thanks to God aways tor you an, making mention of you in our prayers; 3. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of loope in our Lord Je'sus Christ, <sup>4</sup> in the sight of God and our Father; 4. Knowing, brethren <sup>4</sup> beloved, your election of God. 5. For our second carry out on your clock on the second column.

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 6 And ye became <sup>9</sup> followers of us, and of the Lord

having received the word in much affliction, with joy of

the Holy Ghost : 7 So that ye <sup>10</sup> were ensamples to all that believe in

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

**Bovised Version**—1 Timothy . : Omit which is ; <sup>3</sup> Omit in ; <sup>4</sup> to you and peace (Omit rest of rerse); <sup>3</sup> before our God and Father ; <sup>4</sup> beloved of God, your election, how that our gospel ; <sup>3</sup> even as, <sup>3</sup> shewed ourselves toward you ; <sup>3</sup> imitators ; <sup>11</sup> became an ensample ; <sup>11</sup> in ; <sup>12</sup> hath sounded forth ; <sup>13</sup> Omit also ; <sup>14</sup> gone forth ; so ; <sup>15</sup> report concerning us ; <sup>16</sup> unto ; <sup>17</sup> a ; <sup>16</sup> delivereth ; <sup>19</sup> we ; <sup>20</sup> Omt to be ; <sup>21</sup> that fall asleep ; <sup>22</sup> that are fallen asleep ; <sup>23</sup> that are left unto ; <sup>21</sup> in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep ; <sup>25</sup> that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds.

## *HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS*

M.-The Thessalonian Christians, 1 Thess. 1: 1-10. T.-The Thessalonian Christians, 1 Thess. 2: 17-20; 4: 13-18. F.-God's word sure, Matt. 24: 29-35. W.-A little while, John 16 : 15-20.

Th .--- Light and darkness, Matt. 13: 36-43.

9 For they themselves "shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned <sup>16</sup> to God from idols to serve <sup>17</sup> the living and true God ; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he

raised from the dead, cren Je'sus, which 16 delivered us

Ch. 4: 13 But <sup>19</sup> I would not have you <sup>20</sup> to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them <sup>21</sup> which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as <sup>20</sup> others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Je'sus died and ross again. even so them also " which sleep in Je'sus will God bring

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we <sup>24</sup> which are alive and remain unto the coming

of the Lord shall 2 not prevent them which are asleep. 16 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 : 17 Then we 26 which are alive and remain shall be

Sunday-Be diligent, and beware 2 Peter 3: 10-18.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. A CHURCH'S BEGINNING .- 1. Paul, and Silvanus (Silas), and Timothy. Paul joins his two companions with him in addressing the Thessalonians, though the letter is Paul's own. Unto the church, etc.; which Paul had founded so shortly before. In God the Father ; the beautiful Christian title for God. In the Lord Jesus Christ. "Lord,"-a title of honor and reverence ; "Jesus,"-the Saviour's personal name ; "Christ,"-the Greek for the Hebrew Messiab. The word "in" shows how closely Christian people are united to God and Christ. Grace ; the free favor of God and its happy effects. Peace ; with God, in their own hearts and with one another.

2-5. We give thanks to God ; a usual beginning for a letter in those days. Your work of faith ; work that comes from faith or trust in God. Labour of love. "Labor" suggests strenuous effort. But "love" makes hard work easy. Patience ; shown in bearing up strongly against the ills of life. Of hope. It is hope that helps one to bear up. In our Lord Jesus Christ ; that is, "hope" in him. Christian hope rests on what Christ is and what he will do. Beloved of God (Rev. Ver.). Salvation begins in the divine love. S .- "Watch, therefore," Matt. 24 : 36-46.

from the wrath to come.

with him.

Æ. ANCIENT COIN OF THESSALONICA

Your election ; God's choice of you out of all the people in Corinth. Our gospel ; which Paul and his companions had preached. In power : shown in the effects of the preaching. In the Holy Ghost; the coming of the Holy Spirit on the converts. In much assurance ; or "fulness," pointing to the abundance of blessing.

II. A CHURCH'S GROWTH.-6-10. Imitators of us; carnestly following the missionaries' example-Of the Lord ; whose servant Paul was. In much

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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.