

### Exhortation

3:1 <sup>a</sup>FINALLY, brethren, <sup>b</sup>pray for us that <sup>c</sup>the word of the Lord may <sup>1</sup>spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you; 2 and that we may be <sup>a</sup>delivered from <sup>1</sup>perverse and evil men; for not all have <sup>2</sup>faith. 3 But <sup>a</sup>the Lord is faithful, and <sup>1</sup>He will strengthen and protect you <sup>2</sup>from <sup>b</sup>the evil *one*. 4 And we have <sup>a</sup>confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you <sup>b</sup>are doing and will *continue to* do what we command. 5 And may the Lord <sup>a</sup>direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, <sup>a</sup>in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you <sup>1</sup>keep aloof from every brother who <sup>2</sup>leads an <sup>3</sup>unruly life and not according to <sup>d</sup>the tradition which <sup>4</sup>you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to <sup>1</sup>follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, 8 nor did we <sup>a</sup>eat <sup>1</sup>anyone's bread <sup>2</sup>without paying for it, but with <sup>b</sup>labor and hardship we *kept* <sup>c</sup>working night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; 9 not because we do not have <sup>a</sup>the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves <sup>b</sup>as a model for you, that you might <sup>1</sup>follow our example. 10 For even <sup>a</sup>when we were with you, we used to give you this order: <sup>b</sup>if anyone will not work, neither let him eat. 11 For we hear that some among you are <sup>a</sup>leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like <sup>b</sup>busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and <sup>a</sup>exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to <sup>b</sup>work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 13 But as for you, <sup>a</sup>brethren, <sup>b</sup>do not grow weary of doing good. 14 And if anyone does not obey our <sup>1</sup>instruction <sup>2</sup><sup>a</sup>in this letter, take special note of that man <sup>3</sup><sup>b</sup>and do not associate with him, so that he may be <sup>c</sup>put to shame. 15 And *yet* <sup>a</sup>do not regard him as an enemy, but <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>admonish him as a <sup>c</sup>brother.

16 Now <sup>a</sup>may the Lord of peace <sup>b</sup>Himself continually grant you peace in every <sup>1</sup>circumstance. <sup>c</sup>The Lord be with you all!

17 <sup>1</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting <sup>a</sup>with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write. 18 <sup>a</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 4:1

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 5:25

<sup>c</sup> 1 Thess. 1:8

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *run*

<sup>a</sup> Rom. 15:31

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *improper*

<sup>2</sup> Or, *the faith*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:24

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *will*

<sup>2</sup> Or, *from evil*

<sup>b</sup> Matt. 5:37

<sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 2:3

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 4:10

<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 3:11

<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 5:4

<sup>1</sup> Or, *avoid*

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<sup>b</sup> Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:14

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *walks disorderly*

<sup>3</sup> Or, *undisciplined*

<sup>c</sup> 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:7, 11

<sup>d</sup> 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:15

<sup>4</sup> Many ancient mss. read *they*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *imitate us*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:9

<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 9:4

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *from anyone*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *freely*

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 2:9

<sup>c</sup> Acts 18:3; Eph. 4:28

<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 9:4ff.

<sup>b</sup> 2 Thess. 3:7

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *imitate us*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 3:4

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 4:11

<sup>a</sup> 2 Thess. 3:6

<sup>b</sup> 1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15

<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 4:1

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 4:11

<sup>a</sup> 1 Thess. 4:1

<sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 6:9

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *word*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *through*

<sup>a</sup> Col. 4:16

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *not to associate*

<sup>b</sup> 2 Thess. 3:6

<sup>c</sup> 1 Cor. 4:14

<sup>a</sup> Gal. 6:1

<sup>1</sup> Or, *keep admonishing*

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 5:14

<sup>c</sup> 2 Thess. 3:6, 13

<sup>a</sup> Rom. 15:33

<sup>b</sup> 1 Thess. 3:11

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *way*

<sup>c</sup> Ruth 2:4

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *The greeting by my hand of Paul*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. 16:21

<sup>a</sup> Rom. 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:28

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.