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Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia

but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9]For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from 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 rescues us from the coming wrath.

John 16:20-33

20 Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. **21** When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. **22** So you have pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. **23** On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. **24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Peace for the Disciples

25 "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures

but will tell you plainly of the Father. **26** On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, **27** for the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. **28** I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father."

29 His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! **30** Now we know that you know all things and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God." **31** Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? **32** The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. **33** I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!"