



1 Thessalonians

LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SOON RETURN

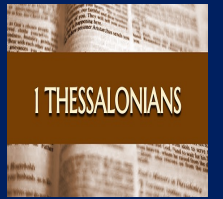


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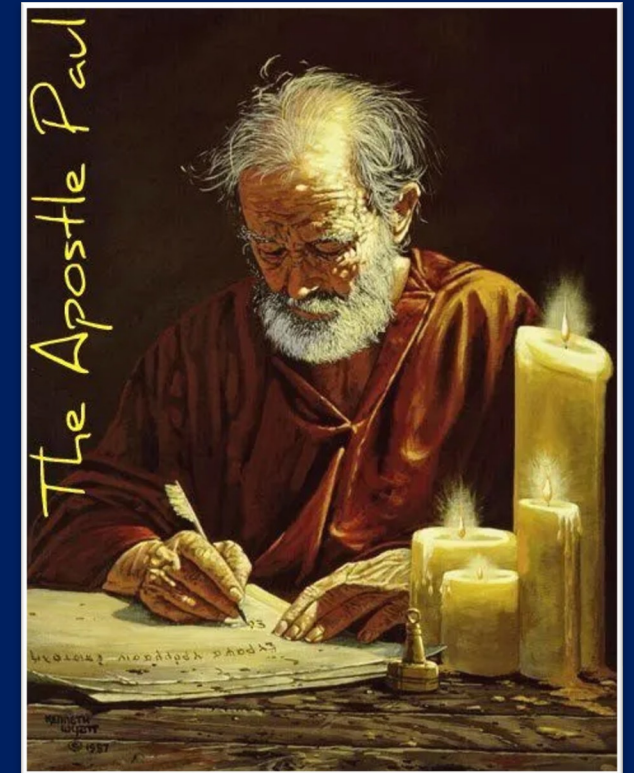
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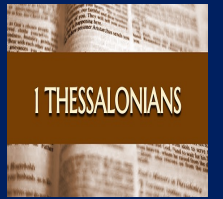
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■ Personal Experience	■ Practical Exhortation
■ Looking Back	■ Looking Forward



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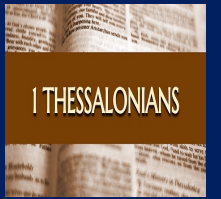
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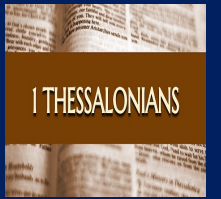
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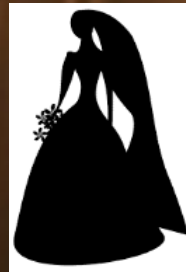
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Genesis 1:27

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 2:24

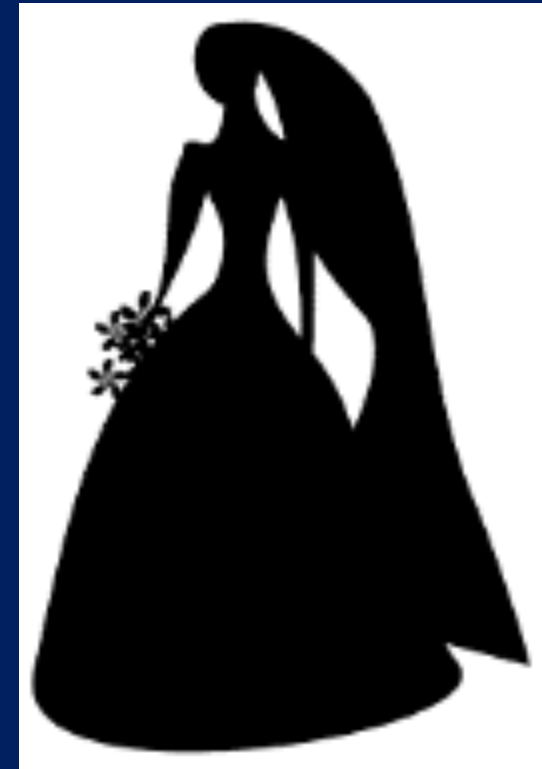
“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”



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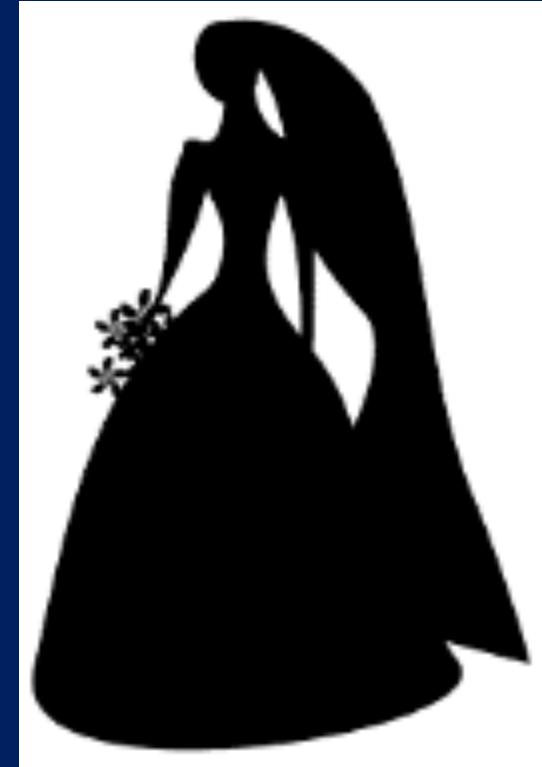
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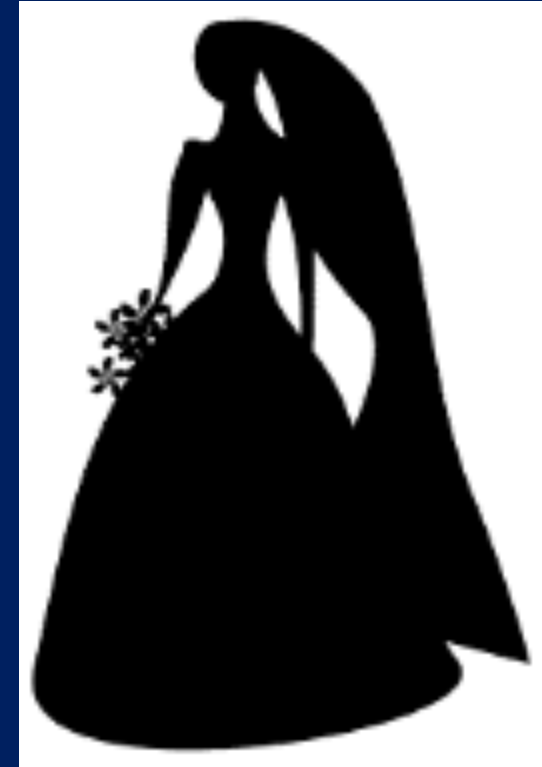
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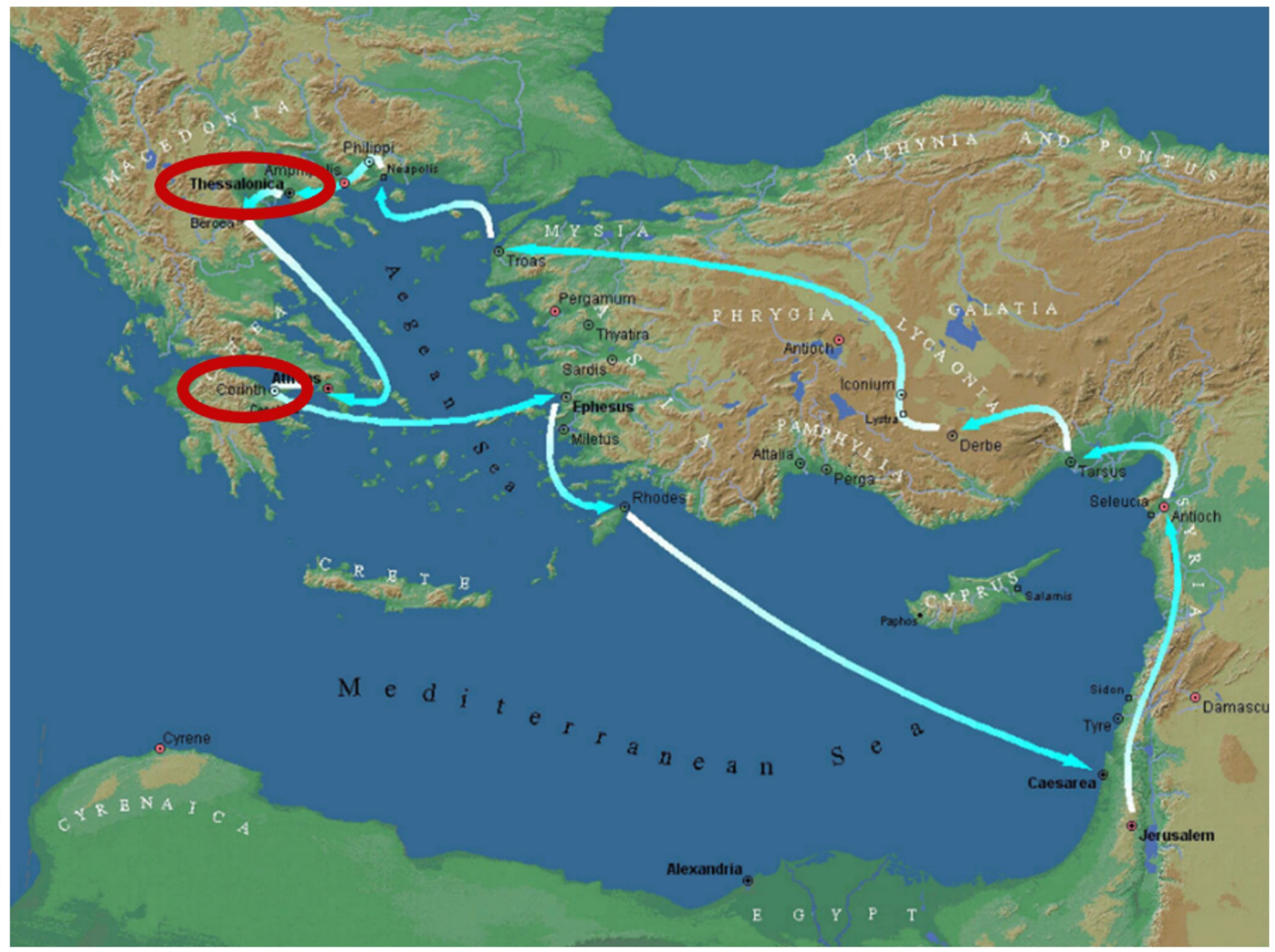


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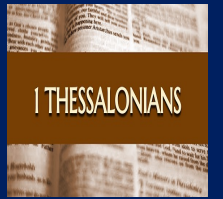


Revelation 21:8

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”



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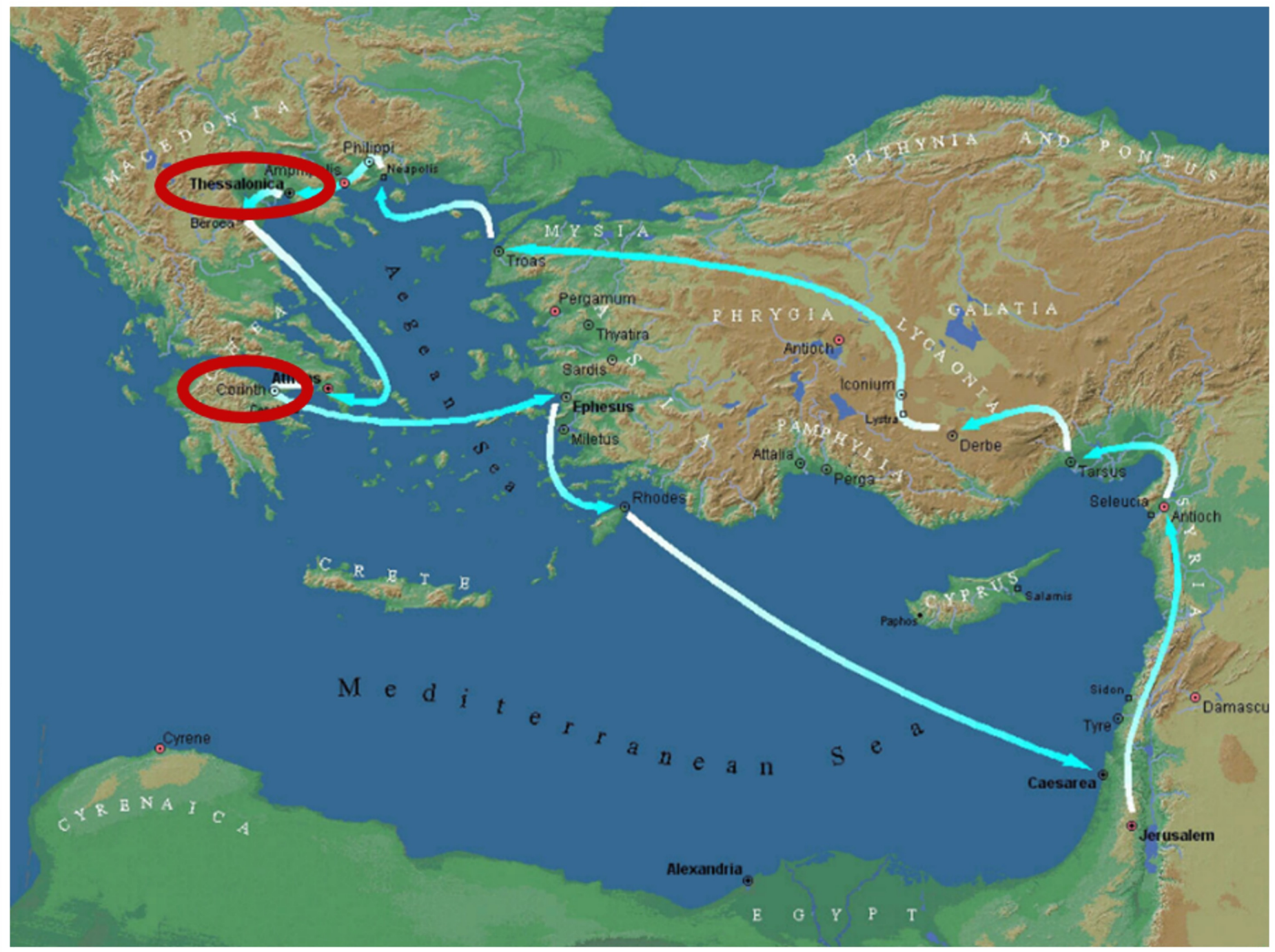


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1 Peter 1:15-16

“¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.””



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¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. ¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him.



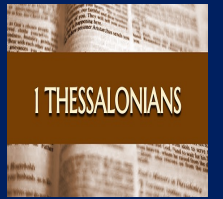
John 14:16-17

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.



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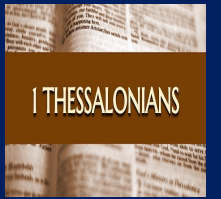
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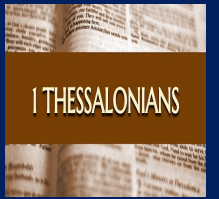
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How to Exhibit Brotherly Love (4:9-12)



1. Quiet Life
2. Mind your own business
3. Work

