

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Spring Term of 2026**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—  
FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS**

Message Sixteen

**The Lord Directing Our Hearts into the Love of God  
and into the Endurance of Christ**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thes. 1:3; 2 Thes. 1:4; 3:5

- I. “The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us”—Rom. 5:5:**
- A. God has poured out His love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us as the motivating power within us so that we may more than conquer in all our tribulations—v. 5; 8:37-39.
  - B. The love of God is God Himself—1 John 4:8, 16.
  - C. God as love is the divine essence that has been poured out in our hearts—Rom. 5:5:
    - 1. The pouring out of the love of God into our hearts is a matter of the essence of God.
    - 2. Because we have been regenerated, we have love as the nature of God's essence within us.
    - 3. As believers, deep in our hearts we have something of the divine essence, and this is God the Father in His love.
  - D. Because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts, the heart of a believer in Christ is a heart of love—Eph. 3:17.
  - E. In our experience and enjoyment of God as the Father in His love, we experience and enjoy the dispensing of love as the nature of God's essence into our hearts—Rom. 5:5, 8; 8:35, 39; 15:30; 2 Cor. 13:14.
- II. “The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God”—2 Thes. 3:5a:**
- A. “I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”—Rom. 8:38-39:
    - 1. The love of God is the source of His eternal salvation.
    - 2. In God's salvation this love to us has become the love of Christ (v. 35), which does many marvelous things for us through the grace of Christ until God's complete salvation is accomplished in us.
    - 3. These marvelous things provoke God's enemy to attack us with all kinds of sufferings and calamities.

4. However, because of our response to the love of God in Christ, these attacks have become benefits to us—v. 28.
  5. “In all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us”—v. 37.
- B. According to Ephesians 3:14-17a, “Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith”:
1. Our heart is composed of all the parts of our soul—mind, emotion, and will—plus our conscience, the main part of our spirit:
    - a. These parts are the inward parts of our being.
    - b. Through regeneration Christ came into our spirit—2 Tim. 4:22.
    - c. After this, we should allow Him to spread into every part of our heart.
    - d. Since our heart is the totality of all our inward parts and the center of our inward being, when Christ makes His home in our heart, He controls our entire inward being and supplies and strengthens every inward part with Himself.
  2. Faith is the substantiation of things not seen—Heb. 11:1:
    - a. Christ’s indwelling is mysterious and abstract.
    - b. We apprehend it not by our physical senses but by the sense of faith.

### III. “The Lord direct your hearts...into the endurance of Christ”—2 Thes. 3:5:

- A. The meaning of endurance:
1. Endurance is the first qualification for the all-fitting life of the new covenant ministry.
  2. This refers not merely to a kind of patience but to the ability to endure sufferings in tribulation, whether pressure, oppression, persecution, poverty, or any kind of trial.
  3. The endurance issued from and was supported by the hope of the Lord’s coming back—1 Thes. 1:3:
    - a. Such endurance resulting from hope is always accompanied by faith.
    - b. Hence, the phrase *endurance and faith* (2 Thes. 1:4) is used.
    - c. Both endurance and faith are needed in persecutions and afflictions.
  4. To exercise self-control is to deal with ourselves; to exercise endurance is to bear with others and with circumstances—2 Pet. 1:6.
  5. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:3, the hope of Christ’s coming is the cause of our endurance.
- B. It is helpful to have verses about endurance:
1. “That which is in the good earth, these are those who in a noble and good heart hear the word and hold it fast and bear fruit with endurance”—Luke 8:15.
  2. “In your endurance you will possess your souls”—21:19.
  3. “To those who by endurance in good work seek glory and honor and incorruptibility, life eternal”—Rom. 2:7.
  4. “We also boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance; and endurance, approvedness”—5:3-4a.
  5. “If we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await it through endurance”—8:25.

6. "Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus"—15:5.
  7. "Whether we are afflicted, it is for your comforting and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your comforting, which operates in the endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer"—2 Cor. 1:6.
  8. "In everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance"—6:4a.
  9. "The signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all endurance by signs and wonders and works of power"—12:12.
  10. "Being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy"—Col. 1:11.
  11. "Remembering unceasingly your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father"—1 Thes. 1:3.
  12. "So that we ourselves boast in you among the churches of God concerning your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and the afflictions which you bear"—2 Thes. 1:4.
  13. "The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ"—3:5.
  14. "Exhort older men to be temperate, grave, of a sober mind, healthy in faith, in love, in endurance"—Titus 2:2.
  15. "You have need of endurance in order that, having done the will of God, you may obtain the promise"—Heb. 10:36.
  16. "Let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us"—12:1.
  17. "Knowing that the proving of your faith works out endurance"—James 1:3.
  18. "Let endurance have its perfect work that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing"—v. 4.
  19. "Behold, we call those who endured blessed. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen his end from the Lord, that the Lord is very tender-hearted and compassionate"—5:11.
  20. "In knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness"—2 Pet. 1:6.
  21. "I know your works and your labor and your endurance...and you have endurance"—Rev. 2:2-3a.
  22. "I know your works and love and faith and service and your endurance"—v. 19a.
  23. "Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth"—3:10.
  24. "Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints"—13:10b.
  25. "Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"—14:12.
- C. "I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus"—1:9a:

1. John knew that he was in the kingdom:
    - a. To him the kingdom was not merely a future dispensation; he was in the kingdom already.
    - b. He could say I am “your brother and fellow partaker in the...kingdom.”
  2. For the tribulation, the endurance of Christ is needed—v. 9a.
- D. By our keeping the word of His endurance, He also will keep us out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth—3:10:
1. The word of the Lord’s endurance is the word of the Lord’s suffering:
    - a. The Lord today is still bearing rejection and persecution by His endurance.
    - b. We are the joint partakers not only of the kingdom but also of His endurance—1:9.
    - c. Hence, His word to us today is the word of endurance.
    - d. To keep the word of His endurance, we must bear His rejection and persecution.
  2. *Trial* in Revelation 3:10 undoubtedly denotes the great tribulation (Matt. 24:21), which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, as indicated by the fifth trumpet, the sixth trumpet, and the seven bowls of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 8:13—9:21; 11:14-15; 15:1; 16:1-21):
    - a. The trial also includes the supernatural calamities of the sixth seal and the first four trumpets at the beginning of the great tribulation.
    - b. The Lord promised the recovered church that He would keep her out of the hour of trial (not only out of the trial, but out of the *hour* of trial) because she has kept the word of the Lord’s endurance.
    - c. This promise of the Lord, like His promise in Luke 21:36, indicates that the saints who keep the word of the Lord’s endurance will be raptured before the great trial, implying that those who do not keep the word of the Lord’s endurance will be left in the trial.