

**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

**1 Thes. 1:3**—Remembering unceasingly your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father;

**2 Thes. 1:4**—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. 3:5**—And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ.

**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.

**Rom. 5:5**—And hope does not put *us* to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Rom. 8:37-39**—But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers <sup>39</sup>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.

B. The love of God is God Himself—1 John 4:8, 16.

**1 John 4:8**—He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**1 John 4:16**—And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

C. God as love is the divine essence that has been poured out in our hearts—Rom. 5:5:

**Rom. 5:5**—And hope does not put *us* to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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.  
**Eph. 3:17**—That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 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.  
**Rom. 5:5**—And hope does not put *us* to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.  
**Rom. 5:8**—But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
**Rom. 8:35**—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?  
**Rom. 8:39**—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. 15:30**—Now I exhort you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,  
**2 Cor. 13:14**—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## 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.  
**Rom. 8:35**—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?
  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.  
**Rom. 8:28**—And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
  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”:

**Eph. 3:14-17**—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, <sup>15</sup>Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, <sup>17</sup>That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

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.  
**2 Tim. 4:22**—The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
  - 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:  
**Heb. 11:1**—Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
  - 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:  
**1 Thes. 1:3**—Remembering unceasingly your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father;
    - a. Such endurance resulting from hope is always accompanied by faith.
    - b. Hence, the phrase *endurance and faith* (2 Thes. 1:4) is used.  
**2 Thes. 1:4**—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,
    - 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.  
**2 Pet. 1:6**—And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;

5. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:3, the hope of Christ's coming is the cause of our endurance.

**1 Thes. 1:3**—Remembering unceasingly your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father;

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.  
[Rev. 1:9a—I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus.](#)
- 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:  
[Rev. 3:10—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.](#)
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.  
[Rev. 1:9—I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus.](#)
    - 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):

**Rev. 3:10**—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.

**Matt. 24:21**—For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred from the beginning of the world until now, nor shall by any means ever occur.

**Rev. 8:13—9:21**—And I saw, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth because of the remaining trumpet sounds of the three angels who are about to trumpet!

<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star out of heaven fallen to the earth, and to him was given the key of the pit of the abyss. <sup>2</sup>And he opened the pit of the abyss, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. <sup>3</sup>And out of the smoke came forth locusts to the earth, and to them power was given, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <sup>4</sup>And it was said to them that they should not harm the grass of the earth or any green thing or any tree, but men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. <sup>6</sup>And in those days men will seek death and shall by no means find it; and they will long to die, and death flees from them. <sup>7</sup>And the locusts were like horses prepared for war, and on their heads *there were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were like faces of men. <sup>8</sup>And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. <sup>9</sup>And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots of many horses rushing into war. <sup>10</sup>And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to harm men for five months. <sup>11</sup>They have a king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon; and in Greek he has the name Apollyon. <sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are yet coming after these things. <sup>13</sup>And the sixth angel trumpeted, and I heard a voice out of the four horns of the golden altar which is before God <sup>14</sup>Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. <sup>15</sup>And the four angels were released, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year that they might kill the third part of men. <sup>16</sup>And the number of the armies of horsemen was two hundred million; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And thus I saw the horses in the vision and those sitting on them, having breastplates of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues the third part of the men were killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone proceeding out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they harm *men*. <sup>20</sup>And the rest of the men, who were not killed by these plagues, still did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship the demons and the idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders or of their sorceries or of their fornication or of their thefts.

**Rev. 11:14-15**—The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. <sup>15</sup>And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the *kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

**Rev. 15:1**—And I saw another sign in heaven, great and wonderful, seven angels having seven plagues, the last *plagues*; for in them the fury of God was finished.

**Rev. 16:1-21**—And I heard a loud voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go and pour out the seven bowls of the fury of God into the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the first went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and there came to be an evil and malignant sore upon the men who have the mark of the beast and worship his image. <sup>3</sup>And the second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living soul that was in the sea died. <sup>4</sup>And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. <sup>5</sup>And I heard the angel *who had power over the waters*, saying, You are righteous, who is and who was, the Holy One, because You have judged these things; <sup>6</sup>For they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink; they are worthy of it. <sup>7</sup>And I heard the altar saying, Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments. <sup>8</sup>And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to burn men with fire. <sup>9</sup>And men were burned with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who has the authority over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory. <sup>10</sup>And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain <sup>11</sup>And blasphemed the God of heaven for their pains and for their sores; and they did not repent of their works. <sup>12</sup>And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates; and its water was dried up that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared. <sup>13</sup>And I saw, out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits as frogs; <sup>14</sup>For they are spirits of demons doing signs, which go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth to gather them to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. <sup>15</sup>(Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments that he may not walk naked and they see his shame.) <sup>16</sup>And they gathered them to the place which in Hebrew is called, Armageddon. <sup>17</sup>And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, It is done. <sup>18</sup>And there were lightnings and voices and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as had not been since man appeared on the earth, such an earthquake, so great. <sup>19</sup>And the great city was *divided* into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath. <sup>20</sup>And every island fled, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup>And great hail, *every stone* about the weight of a talent, came down out of heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague of it is exceedingly great.

- 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.

**Luke 21:36**—But be watchful at every time, beseeching that you would prevail to escape all these things which are about to happen and stand before the Son of Man.