



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, may God's grace and unmerited divine favor be to you. May peace, an absolute end of all strife and trouble, be received from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus. Father, we pray always for our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, that we may stand perfect and complete in all your Will. We pray that our walk will be well pleasing and acceptable in your sight. We pray that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in us, according to the grace of our God and Father. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Last month's [teaching](#) was Part 2 where we searched and tracked the first nine (9) usages of the name **Lord Jesus Christ** as documented in Thessalonians. We learned that this marks **Lord Jesus Christ's** authority and power. We defined the number 20 in God's Word which signified expectancy and certainty. We were reminded that the gathering together of the saints, the holy ones (those set apart and purified ones by the **Lord Jesus Christ**) are our hope and it is certainty!

For this month's teaching, we will continue with Part 3 of searching and tracking the last 11 usages of the name **Lord Jesus Christ** as documented in Thessalonians. These usages mark the **Lord Jesus Christ's** authority and power. We will bold the name **Lord Jesus Christ** for emphasis.

The 10th and 11th usages are found in 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2. We will start with verse 1:

*Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus [Paul, Silas, and Timothy], unto the church of the Thessalonians in [by] God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

The Greek word for *church* is *ekklesia* which means "called out." In the phrase *unto the church* or the called out, we can ask called out by who? The verse tells us *God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ***.

Let's understand more fully the phrase *the **Lord Jesus Christ***. In the English language, "the" is a grammatical article denoting persons or things that are already or about to be mentioned, under discussion, implied or otherwise presumed familiar to listeners, readers, or speakers. It is the definite article in English. In the Bible, the word *Lord* means master (see [December 2020 teaching](#)). The name *Jesus* puts the emphasis on his earthly ministry, the humble one that was obedient unto death (see [January 2024 teaching](#)). The name *Christ* means the anointed one set down at the right hand of God (see [February 2024 to June 2024 teachings](#)).

Now let's look at verse 2:

*Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Here again God's Word declares *grace* (God's unmerited divine favor) *and peace* (an absolute end of all strife and trouble) *from who? God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.* God our Father wants us, His children, to know that He has given us grace and peace! My brothers and sisters in Christ let no one deceive you by any means; anyone that is preaching judgement, condemnation, and chaos is not of the true God and Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ** as declared by His Word.

The 12th usage of **Lord Jesus Christ** references the second coming of the return of Christ with his angels and the saints and the born-again believers of the church of the body upon the earth. It is called the *day of the Lord* in 1 Thessalonians 5:2. This is when all God's judgements begin, and it is when the first and the second resurrection happen. Turn to 2 Thessalonians 1:8 for the 12th usage:

*In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Let's translate some of the key words in this verse from the original Greek to English. The phrase *in flaming fire* means "to burn." The word *vengeance* means "to vindicate, to avenge." The word *know* means "be aware, behold, consider, perceive." Here the believers are told that those that are not aware (behold, consider, perceive) *God* (the supreme fountain of life and light) will be vindicated or avenged by burning. The word *obey* means "to listen, attend to." The word *gospel* means "good news." Here, the good news is *of our **Lord Jesus Christ***. People have free will to choose to know God is the supreme fountain of life and light and to obey the gospel (good news) *of our **Lord Jesus Christ***.

It is written in 1 Timothy 2:4:

Who (God) will have all men [people] to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

If you are not born-again of God's spirit you cannot come *unto the knowledge of the truth* of God's Word! These teachings we do at MOR-Bible are to bring you, the born-again believer, *unto the knowledge of the truth* of God's Word.

It is written in 1 Corinthians 2:14:

But the natural man [body and soul only] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

People, by their freewill choice, have confessed the Lord Jesus and believed in their hearts that God has raised him from the dead (see Romans 10:9). Once this is done, you are born-again of God's spirit, and you can receive the things of the Spirit of God. You can come *unto the knowledge of the truth* of God's Word!

The 13th and 14th usages of the name **Lord Jesus Christ** are found in 2 Thessalonians 1:12:

*That the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. (See [March 2020 teaching](#).)*

We ask, *That the name, the authority, and power of our **Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in who? You, and you in him, according to the grace* (unmerited divine favor) *of our God* (the supreme fountain of life and light) *and the **Lord Jesus Christ***. We glorify the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ** in our walk, believing action, witness for him by doing the works he did and greater works by leading people into the new birth which was not available while he was on earth.

The 15th usage is in 2 Thessalonians 2:1. We will read verses 2-3 for context.

*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, and by our gathering together unto him.*

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away [departure] first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition [destruction].

These scriptures are dealing with the first part of Christ's second coming where he will meet the believers dead and alive in the air (see [June 2019 teaching](#)). There were some people saying that the day of Christ was at hand; they were deceiving the believers. Paul corrected this wrong teaching by teaching them that the return of Christ shall not come except when there came a departure; first, when the believers depart, and then the man of sin be revealed, the son of destruction (see [December 2019 teaching](#)). I hear all the time the day of Christ is here and that the book of Revelation is being fulfilled. These people do error not knowing the scriptures or the power of God (see Matthew 22:29).

The 16th usage of the **Lord Jesus Christ** is in 2 Thessalonians 2:14. We will read verses 12-13 for context.

That they [in them that perish] all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But [in contrast] we are bound to give thanks alway to God [the creator] for you, brethren beloved of the Lord [master], because God [the creator] hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation [wholeness] through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

*Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Why? Look at verse 13 - *because God the creator hath [past tense] from the beginning chosen you in His foreknowledge to salvation [wholeness] through [by way of] sanctification of the [gift of holy spirit] Spirit and belief of the truth. Whereunto he [God the creator] called you by our gospel [good news], to the obtaining [over and above] of the glory [praise, honor] of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.* Wow! This is powerful!

2 Thessalonians 2:16 has the 17th usage.

*Now our **Lord Jesus Christ** himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. (See [April 2020 teaching](#).)*

Note here the word *hath* is past tense or has. When we re-read this verse, we see that our **Lord Jesus Christ** himself, and God [the supreme fountain of life and light] *even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting enteral consolation [a personal exhortation, encouragement] and good hope through grace [kindness].* Oh God, what an incredible truth! My soul rejoices in the everlasting consolation and good hope through God's grace and kindness!

The 18th usage is in 2 Thessalonians 3:6:

*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*

Here, Paul, Silas and Timothy *command* or charge or order the *brethren* in Thessalonica *in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ***. They are ordered to *withdraw* or restrain from every brother that *walketh disorderly* [breaking rank, out of order, out of place]. Why? Because these people are *not after the tradition* [as handed down by the Word of the Lord] *which he* [our **Lord Jesus Christ**] *received* [into manifestation] *of us*. This tells us to restrain ourselves from friends (or people in general) who do not behave or act according to the Word of God.

The 19th usage of **Lord Jesus Christ** is in 2 Thessalonians 3:12. We will read verses 10-11 and 13 for context.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

*Now them that are such we command and exhort by **our Lord Jesus Christ**, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Let's dissect these verses for a better understanding. Verses 10-11 give us more commands from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. They *command* or charge or order the *brethren* in Thessalonica *in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ*** from 2 Thessalonians 3:6. In verse 12, Paul, Silas, and Timothy *command* [charge, order] *and exhort* [encourage] *by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness* [stillness, tranquil] the Thessalonian believers *work, and eat their own bread*. The next verse starts with the word *But*, which means "in contrast" to what has been commanded previously. Here, the Thessalonian believers are told to *be not weary* [lose one's courage; lose heart in view of trials or evils] *in well doing* [good; do excellently, do well]. So, in contrast to verses 10-12, born-again believers are to hold strong and not lose courage (*be not weary*) in doing God's Word as commanded and exhorted by **our Lord Jesus Christ**.

The last usage of the phrase under study (the 20th) is in 2 Thessalonians 3:18. We will read verses 14-16 for context. As you read these verses, and the 20th usage of **Lord Jesus Christ**, keep in mind Romans 16:17-18:

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

*For they that are such serve not **our Lord Jesus Christ**, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

In these verses, Paul exhorts the believers to stay away from people who cause division and other actions that are contrary to the Word of God. Paul tells the believers that these people do not serve the **Lord Jesus Christ** and deceive *the hearts of the simple by good words and fair speeches*. Man, oh man, is this not relevant to what we experiencing today? Wow!

Understanding this, let's look at 2 Thessalonians 3:18 (reading verses 14-16 for context).

And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note [mark] that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Yet count him not as an enemy but admonish him as a brother.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Does *the Lord* [master] of peace himself give you peace sometimes? No! *The Lord of peace gives you peace always by all means!* This verse tells me if you do not have the Lord of peace then you cannot give peace! It also tells me that discord is not from the **Lord Jesus Christ!** Who is discord from? The devil. So, when people are sowing discord are they doing the work of our Lord? No! They are doing the work of the devil!

Let's finish with the 20th usage in verse 18:

*The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all.* Amen. (See [May 2020 teaching](#).)

Amen, amen. May the *grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all.*

In this month's teaching, we continued with Part 3 of searching and tracking the usages 10-20 of the name **Lord Jesus Christ** as documented in Thessalonians which marks Jesus Christ's authority and power. This epistle opens with grace - God's unmerited divine favor - and closes with grace.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy lovingly implored the brethren, the born-again believers, to keep the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in their minds and hearts. Our gathering together with him is a continual reminder of our hope. Paul, Silas, and Timothy also informed the Thessalonian believers of the flaming fire that will take vengeance on them that do not know God, and that do not obey the gospel of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. Paul, Silas, and Timothy also commanded and exhorted the Thessalonian brethren in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that they withdraw themselves from anyone that walked disorderly, and not after the tradition which our **Lord Jesus Christ** received of us. We saw how they encouraged them by telling them that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. These verses are a tremendous reminder to us in our daily walk.

This month teachings taught us:

- *Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus [Paul, Silas, and Timothy], unto the church of the Thessalonians in [by] God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ** (2 Thessalonians 1:1-2).*
- *In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our **Lord Jesus Christ** (2 Thessalonians 1:8).*
- *That the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the **Lord Jesus Christ** (2 Thessalonians 1:12).*
- *Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, and by our gathering together unto him (2 Thessalonians 2:1).*

- *Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our **Lord Jesus Christ** (2 Thessalonians 2:14).*
- *Now our **Lord Jesus Christ** himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace (2 Thessalonians 2:16).*
- *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us (2 Thessalonians 3:6).*
- *Now them that are such we command and exhort by **our Lord Jesus Christ**, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread (2 Thessalonians 3:12).*
- *The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 3:18).*

Let's close by reading and understanding 1 Thessalonians 2:13:

*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received [Greek word *lambano* which means to receive into manifestation] the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [Greek word *dechomai* which means to receive to you] it not as the word [logos] of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. See [October 2019 teaching](#).*

Father, I am so grateful and thankful for you giving us and an understanding of your Word regarding the hope of Christ's return. Thank you for your grace and peace that you have given us through our **Lord Jesus Christ**. We pray that the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in us, according to the grace of God our Father, and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. Amen. Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus, Amen.

In the Lord,

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