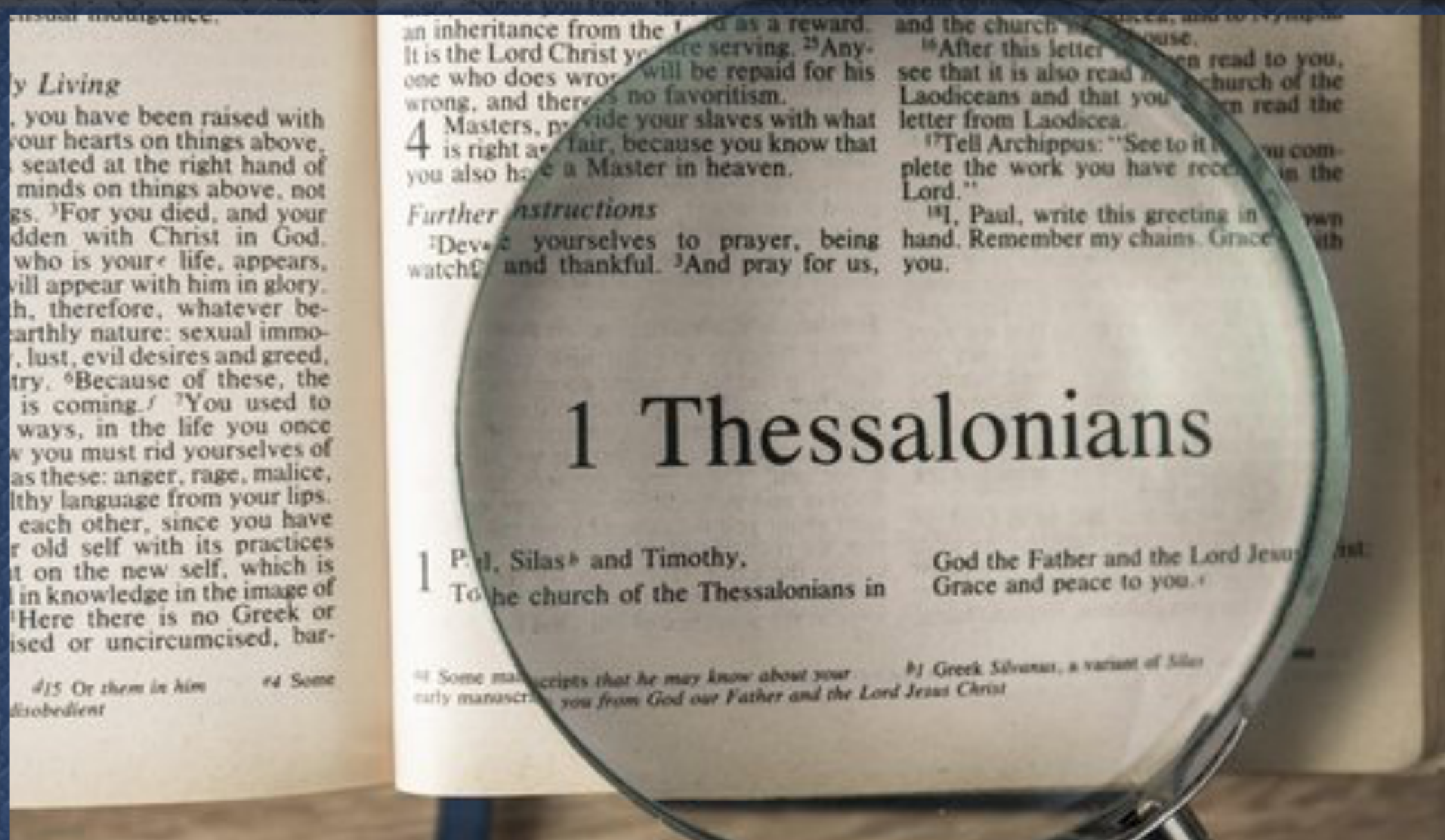


## Lesson 6



*"Plea for purity & Increased Love"*  
*(1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:12)*



# *"Plea for Purity & Increased Love"*

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<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, <sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

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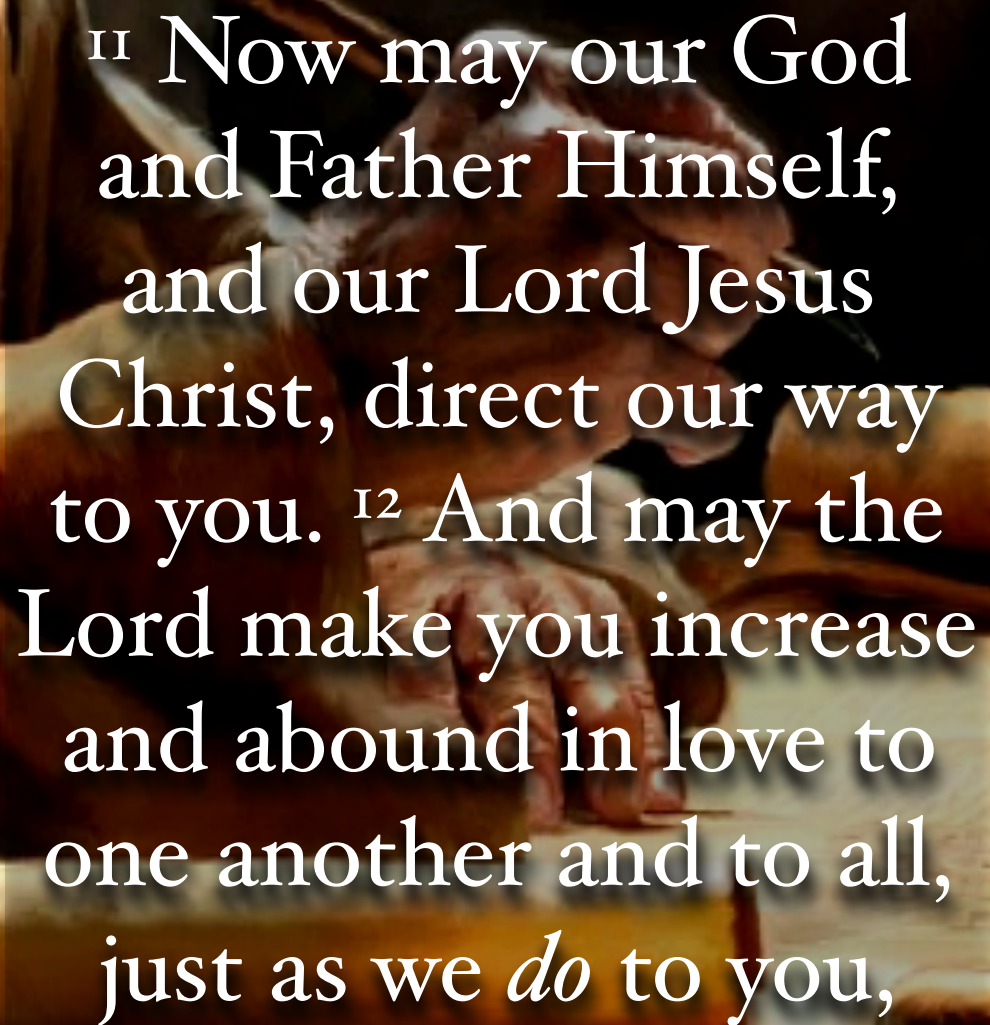
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## Paul's Prayer For Them (3:11-13)

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11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,

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- ◆ That the LORD cause them to increase and abound in LOVE — 3:12; 4:9-12; cf. *John* 13:34; *Acts* 4:32; *Phili.* 1:9; *Col.* 1:4-11; 1 *Cor.* 13; 1 *Jno.* 2:10; 3:11, 14-19, 23; 4:7-16; *etc.* ...



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- ♦ LOVE is necessary so that our hearts be **established**, "**blameless in holiness**" — 3:13; cf. 3:2; 2 Thes. 2:16,17; 1 Pet 5:10; 2 Pet 1:5-12; Heb 12:14; etc. ...
- ♦ At the coming of the LORD — *This is the third time in three chapters that Paul refers to this event - 3:13; cf. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; also in 4:15; 5:23; cf. 2 Thes. 2:1; Jude 14*



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- ◆ The essentiality of spiritual growth — 4:1; cf. 2:12; *Heb. 5:12-14*; *2 Pet 1:5-12*; etc. ...
- ◆ We MUST follow, & abound in, what we have been taught — 4:1; cf. *2 Thes 1:3*; *Mat. 28:20*; *1 Cor. 15:58*; *Rom 12:1,2*; *Col. 1:10*; *Phili 1:27*; *2:12*; *1 John 3:22*;
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◆ *Through the Word of God* — Jn 17:17; 2 Thes. 2:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:22,23

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## ***Lessons & Applications For Us***



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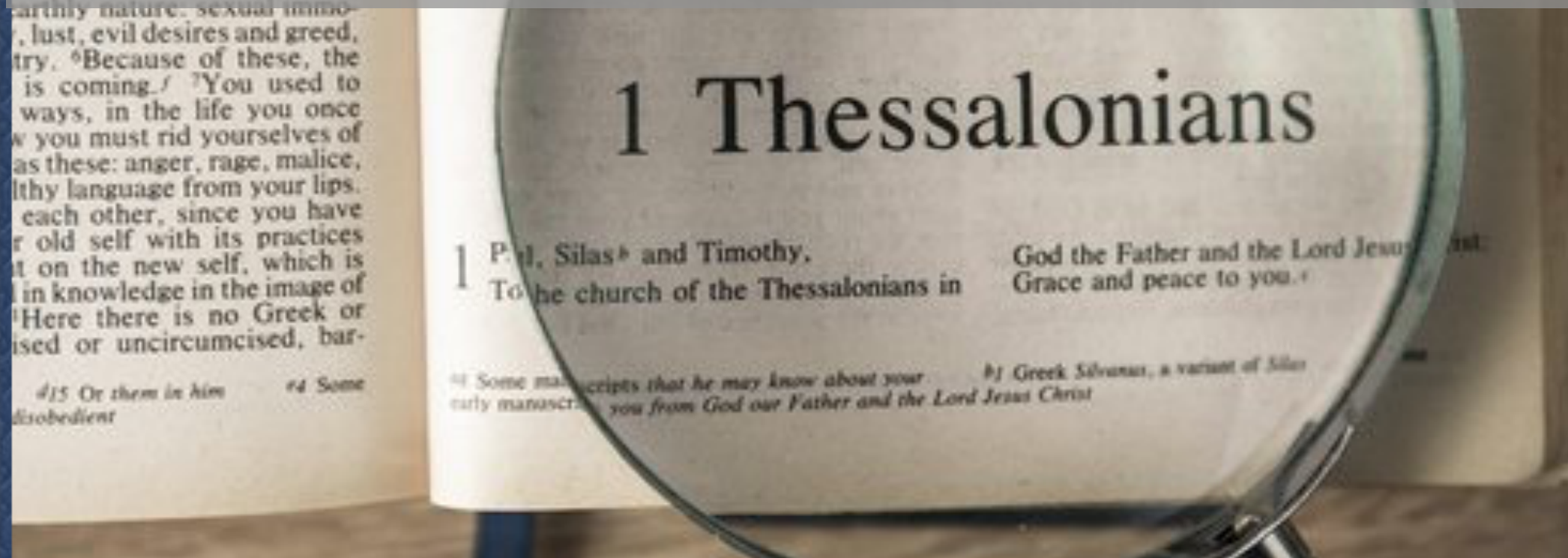
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# COLOSSIANS 1:3-12 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup> because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;



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<sup>7</sup> as you also learned from Epaphras,  
our dear fellow servant, who is a  
faithful minister of Christ on your  
behalf, <sup>8</sup> who also declared to us your  
love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason we  
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you may be filled with the knowledge  
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