Exhortations from Thessalonians

I Thes 4:9

But as touching brotherly love you need not that I write unto you: for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 Thes 5:1-28

- ¹ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you.
- ² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
- ³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- ⁵ You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
- ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- ⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- ⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- ⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
- ¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also you do.
- ¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- ¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
- ¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- ¹⁶ Rejoice evermore.
- ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.
- ¹⁸ In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit.
- ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings.
- ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, Who also will do it.
- ²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.
- ²⁶ Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
- ²⁷ I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
- ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.