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Matt. 12:46-50-⁴⁶ While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His **mother and brothers** were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. ⁴⁷ Someone said to Him, “Behold, Your **mother and Your brothers** are standing outside seeking to speak to You.” ⁴⁸ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My **mother and who are My brothers?**” ⁴⁹ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold **My mother and My brothers!**” ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My **brother and sister and mother.**”

Rom. 1:16-17 – ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power [*dynamis*] of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**”

Matt. 4:3- And **the tempter** came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

Gen. 3:1-Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

Gen. 3:4-5-⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Matt. 13:7-Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and **choked them out.**

Matt. 13:22-And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes **unfruitful**.

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Gal. 5:22-But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

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Rom. 1:11-For I long to see you so that I may **impart some spiritual gift to you**, that you may be **established**.

“The word translated “to complete” or “to supply” [*katartizō*] in verse 10 comes from the same root of the noun used in Ephesians 4:12 [*katartismos*] to describe the pastoral function of equipping the believer for works of service.”

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The contents of the prayer are essentially an amplification of the thought Paul introduced in verse 10.

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The emphasis on their sanctification found in this prayer serves as an appropriate transition to the practical section of the letter (1 Thess. 4–5). There Paul will deal with remaining deficiencies found in the Thessalonians faith as reported to him by Timothy.

Gal. 6:10-So then, while we have opportunity, let us **do good** to all people, and **especially to those who are of the household of the faith.**

2 Tim. 2:1-You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

Rom. 12:18-If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with **all men.**

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1 John 3:2-3- Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him **purifies himself,** just as He is pure.

Philip. 3:9-and may be found in Him, **not having a righteousness of my own** derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which comes from God** on the basis of faith.

“The notion of Christ returning with his saints is an introduction to the truth that Paul will unfold in 1 Thessalonians 4:15, namely that Christ will return with the dead in Christ.”