

# Letter to the Thessalonians:

To the church of the Thessalonians:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

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...when we read what they wrote...

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Define “prophecies”

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- How God speaks to His people

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4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

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11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, **examining** the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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