

I Thessalonians (*Introduction*)

During Paul's second missionary journey, he visited Philippi in Macedonia. Timothy, Silas, and Luke were with him. After baptizing the Philippian jailer and Lydia, three of them moved on to Thessalonica. Luke didn't go with them. Some of the Thessalonians obeyed the gospel, but trouble soon broke out. The team had to move on. They went to Berea. The people of Berea were more fair-minded than the Thessalonians in that they studied more carefully to prove what Paul, Silas, and Timothy were teaching was indeed the truth. Many became Christians in Berea.

Paul thought it best to leave Silas and Timothy to work at Berea and keep a check on the new converts in Thessalonica while he moved on to Athens in Achaia.

Paul got a mediocre reception in Athens. He moved on to Corinth. He met Aquila and Priscilla. They were tent makers. Since Paul was also a tent maker, he worked with them. After a while, Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia to Achaia. They found Paul and gave him some good news! The church in Thessalonica was growing and thriving! After Paul's recent experience in Athens, this was wonderful news! He wrote this letter to the Thessalonians to express his joy over hearing about their faithfulness

Paul had only spent a short time in Thessalonica when he, Silas, and Timothy planted the church there. The Thessalonians had a lot of questions about Jesus' doctrine. In this letter, Paul included important doctrine they needed to know.

One question that weighed heavily on their minds concerned the second coming of Jesus. They were under the impression that Jesus would come back very soon. When their friends and relatives began to pass away, they thought they were going to miss His return. This seems naïve to us, but we must remember we've had the Bible for around 2,000 years! They were getting it "hot off the press"! Paul assured them that the "dead in Christ will rise first" and we who are alive will "be caught up together with them in the clouds". Paul explained that Jesus will come "as a thief in the night". It will be unexpected and totally unpredictable. That's why they should always watch. He warned them not to "fall asleep" while they were alive. If they "fell asleep" in death, they could rest assured they would live with Him!

This letter was received well but it caused some confusion in Thessalonica! They interpreted Paul's letter as saying Jesus' return was imminent! They thought Jesus was about to return in a few days! Paul heard about their misinterpretation and wrote a second letter soon after to clarify his teaching. We have that letter too (*II Thessalonians*).

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Chapter 1

Answer in a Few Words

1. What two other people did Paul send greetings from to the Thessalonians? _____
2. What did Paul say he always did for the Thessalonians? _____
3. Paul said he remembered the Thessalonians for their work of what? _____
4. Paul said he remembered the Thessalonians for their labor of what? _____
5. Paul said he remembered the Thessalonians for their patience of what? _____
6. The Gospel came to Thessalonica in word, but also in what other ways? _____
7. The Thessalonians received the word in much what? _____
8. What three areas did Paul say the Thessalonians were examples to? _____
9. What did the Thessalonians turn from to serve the living and true God? _____
10. Who were the Thessalonians waiting for? _____

Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. "... grace be unto you, and _____, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
2. "We give _____ to God always for you all, making mention of you in our _____."
3. "Remembering without ceasing your work of _____, and labor of _____, and patience of _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God our Father;"
4. "Knowing, brethren beloved, your _____ of God."
5. "For our gospel came not unto you in _____ only, but also in _____; ..."
6. "... having received the word in much _____, with joy of the _____:"
7. "So that ye were _____ to all that believe in _____ and _____."
8. "... not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in _____ place your _____ to God-ward is spread abroad; ..."
9. "... how ye turned to God from _____ to serve the _____ and true God;"
10. "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he _____ from the dead, even _____, ..."

Write "True" Or "False" In Blanks

1. _____ Silvanus and Timothy were mentioned with Paul in this letter to the Thessalonians
2. _____ Paul never prayed for the Thessalonians
3. _____ Paul remembered things about the Thessalonians "without ceasing"
4. _____ Paul wasn't sure about the "election" of the Thessalonians by God
5. _____ The Gospel came to the Thessalonians in word only
6. _____ It was easy for the Thessalonians to receive the word
7. _____ No one from Macedonia or Achaia really knew the Thessalonians
8. _____ The faith of the Thessalonians was spread abroad in every place
9. _____ The Thessalonians used to worship idols before they served the true God
10. _____ Jesus will come someday, but the Thessalonians didn't "wait" for him

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Chapter 2

Answer in a Few Words

1. Where was Paul “shamefully entreated”? _____
2. What was Paul and his companions put in trust of by God? _____
3. Did Paul seek the glory of men? _____
4. Paul was willing to not only give the Gospel to them but what else? _____
5. What did Paul receive from the Thessalonians for preaching to them? _____
6. Did Paul behave himself well among the Thessalonians? _____
7. What did God call the Thessalonians to in verse 12? _____
8. How often did Paul say he prayed for them? _____
9. Who did Paul say killed Jesus, their own prophets, and persecuted them? _____
10. Who hindered Paul from coming to the Thessalonians? _____

Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. “For our _____ was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:”
2. “But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her _____:”
3. “Ye are _____, and God also, how holily and justly and _____ we behaved ourselves among you that believe:”
4. “As ye know how we exhorted and _____ and charged every one of you, as a _____ doth his children,”
5. “... when ye received the word of _____ which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of _____, but as it is in truth, the word of _____, ...”
6. “Forbidding us to speak to the _____ that they might be saved,”
7. “But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in _____, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your _____ with great desire.”
8. “Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but _____ hindered us.”
9. “For what is our _____, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even _____ in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his _____?”
10. “For ye are our _____ and _____.”

Write “True” Or “False” In Blanks

1. _____ Paul’s visit to the Thessalonians was worthless
2. _____ Paul had to flatter and trick the Thessalonians into believing
3. _____ Paul was not interested in the glory of men
4. _____ Paul didn’t care very deeply for the Thessalonians
5. _____ Paul worked night and day so they wouldn’t be chargeable to them
6. _____ Paul said the Thessalonians had suffered at the hands of their own countrymen
7. _____ Paul said of the Jews that “the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost”
8. _____ Paul had made no plans to visit the Thessalonians
9. _____ Paul said the Thessalonians were their “hope”, “joy”, and “crown”.
10. _____ Paul also said the Thessalonians were their “glory”.

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Chapter 3

Answer in a Few Words

1. Where was Paul left alone? _____
2. Who did Paul send to the Thessalonians? _____
3. What are we “appointed thereunto”? _____
4. What did Timothy bring from Thessalonica to Paul? _____
5. Who did Paul encourage the Thessalonians to “stand fast” in? _____
6. What two things did Paul pray for “night and day”? _____
7. What did Paul ask God and Jesus to “direct”? _____
8. What did Paul ask the Lord to “increase and abound” among them? _____
9. Did Paul love the Thessalonians? _____
10. Who did Paul say would come? _____

Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. “Wherefore when we could no longer _____, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;”
2. “That no man should be moved by these _____: for yourselves know that we are _____ thereunto.
3. “For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer _____; even as it came to pass, and ye know.”
4. “... lest by some means the _____ have _____ you, and our labour be in vain.”
5. “Therefore, brethren, we were _____ over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:”
6. “For now we _____, if ye stand fast in the Lord.”
7. “For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the _____ wherewith we _____ for your sakes before our God;”
8. “Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your _____, and might perfect that which is lacking in your _____?”
9. “And the Lord make you to increase and abound in _____ one toward another, and toward all _____, even as we do toward you:”
10. “To the end he may stablish your hearts _____ in holiness before God, even our Father, at the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”

Write “True” Or “False” In Blanks

1. _____ Paul wanted to stay at Athens because he didn’t care about the Thessalonians
2. _____ Paul sent Timothy to Thessalonica
3. _____ Paul told the Thessalonians they would suffer
4. _____ Paul was worried that the “tempter” had “tempted” the Thessalonians
5. _____ Paul was sad when Timothy came back and gave his report
6. _____ Paul wanted to see the Thessalonians and they wanted to see him
7. _____ Paul was comforted by their faith
8. _____ Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians
9. _____ Paul thanked God for the “joy” that he had because of the Thessalonians
10. _____ Paul asked God and Jesus to “direct” his way back to the Thessalonians

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Chapter 4

Answer in a Few Words

1. Did Paul encourage the Thessalonians to please God? _____
2. What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to abstain from? _____
3. What did Paul tell them to “possess” in “sanctification and honor”? _____
4. What should no man do to his brother “in any matter”? _____
5. God has not called us to uncleanness but unto what? _____
6. Who has given unto us his Holy Spirit? _____
7. Did the Thessalonians love the brethren? _____
8. Jesus died and rose again, so what will God do for those asleep in Jesus? _____
9. When the Lord descends from heaven, who will rise first? _____
10. When the Lord returns, where will those who are alive meet him? _____

Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. “For ye know what _____ we gave you by the Lord Jesus.”
2. “He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not _____, but _____, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.”
3. “And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own _____, and to work with your own _____, as we commanded you;”
4. “That ye may walk _____ toward them that are _____, and that ye may have lack of nothing.”
5. “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are _____, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no _____.”
6. “For if we believe that Jesus died and _____ again, even so them also which _____ in Jesus will God bring with him.”
7. “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are _____ and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not _____ them which are asleep.”
8. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a _____, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:”
9. “Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the _____, to meet the Lord in the _____: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
10. “Wherefore _____ one another with these words.”

Write “True” Or “False” In Blanks

1. _____ Once we have pleased God, we don’t have to do “more and more”
2. _____ Fornication should be abstained from
3. _____ It’s ok to defraud our brother in some things
4. _____ God will avenge those that do us wrong so we should not avenge them
5. _____ The Thessalonians loved the brethren so they didn’t have to do “more and more”
6. _____ As long as we treat Christians right it doesn’t matter how we treat non-Christians
7. _____ Paul said that we should show no sorrow when our loved ones die
8. _____ When our faithful loved ones die we have hope that they will live again
9. _____ When Jesus returns the living will be caught up in the clouds to meet Him in the air
10. _____ The coming of Christ is comforting to talk about

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Chapter 5

Answer in a Few Words

1. What did Paul compare the day of the Lord with? _____
2. What will folks be saying when sudden destruction comes upon them? _____
3. Paul told us not to “sleep” but to watch and be what? _____
4. What two things does putting on the “breastplate” involve us having? _____
5. What does putting on the “helmet” involve us having? _____
6. Whether we are “awake” or “asleep” when Jesus returns what will we do? _____
7. What should we do “very highly” to those who are “over” us? _____
8. What should we do to the “unruly”? _____
9. What should we do to the “weak”? _____
10. What should we do in “every thing”? _____

Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden _____ cometh upon them, as travail upon a _____ with child; and they shall not escape.”
2. “Ye are all the children of _____, and the children of the _____: we are not of the _____, nor of _____.”
3. “For they that sleep sleep in the _____; and they that be drunken are drunken in the _____.”
4. “Wherefore _____ yourselves together, and _____ one another, even as also ye do.”
5. “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which _____ among you, and are _____ you in the Lord, and _____ you;”
6. “See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among _____, and to all _____.”
7. “Pray without _____.”
8. “Abstain from all _____ of evil.”
9. “... I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved _____ unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
10. “I charge you by the Lord that this _____ be read unto all the holy brethren.”

Write “True” Or “False” In Blanks

1. _____ The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night
2. _____ Destruction will come upon some like “travail” on a woman with child
3. _____ For those who are not in darkness, the day of the Lord will not overtake as a thief
4. _____ God has appointed us to wrath, not to obtain salvation
5. _____ The coming of the Lord is “comforting” and will “edify” us when we talk about it
6. _____ We should be at peace among ourselves
7. _____ We should comfort the “feble-minded”
8. _____ We should do good to fellow believers, but we are not obligated to help others
9. _____ We should abstain from all “appearance” of evil
10. _____ We need to kiss each other each time we see each other