



1 THESSALONIANS

Holiness Love Future Hope

FOLLOWING JESUS PRODUCES A COUNTER-CULTURAL **HOLY** WAY OF LIFE...

...THAT RESPONDS TO HOSTILITY WITH **LOVE** & GENEROSITY.

...THAT IS MOTIVATED BY **HOPE** IN THE COMING KINGDOM OF JESUS.

1-3 A CELEBRATION OF FAITHFULNESS

4-5 A CHALLENGE TO GROW

1-5 THANKSGIVING PRAYER
I THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE!

1-6-10 THE THESSALONIANS' CONVERSION

2-1-12 PAUL'S MISSION IN THESSALONICA

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS & LOVING SERVICE.

2-1-13 PRAYER FOR ENDURANCE
MAY GOD INCREASE YOUR LOVE, HOLINESS, & HOPE!

YOU TURNED AWAY FROM **IDOLS** TO SERVE THE LIVING & **TRUE GOD**, AND ARE WAITING FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S SON FROM HEAVEN." (1:9-10)

"WE WERE HAPPY TO SHARE NOT ONLY THE GOOD NEWS FROM GOD, BUT **OUR VERY SELVES**, BECAUSE WE CAME TO DEARLY LOVE YOU." (2:8)

1-1-8 HOLINESS & SEXUAL PURITY

FOLLOWING JESUS TEACHINGS ON **SEX & MARRIAGE** (MATTHEW 5:27-32, 19:1-12)

4-9-12 COMMITMENT TO **LOVE & SERVICE**

WORKING HARD SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS TO OTHERS (see 2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13)

3-7-20 PRAYER OF HOPE
MAY GOD KEEP YOU **HOLY** AS YOU AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS.

2-13-16 THEIR COMMON PERSECUTION

1-13-18 FUTURE HOPE OF JESUS' RETURN

THEIR SUFFERING IS A WAY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE STORY OF JESUS.

WHAT'S THEIR FATE WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE MESSIAH WILL RISE. (4:16)

CAESAR'S ARRIVAL MET BY HIS DELEGATES

JESUS' ARRIVAL MET BY HIS PEOPLE. (4:17)

5-1-11 THIS HOPE SHOULD MOTIVATE **BEAUTIFUL PROGRESS**

2-17-3-10 PAUL'S ANGUISH...

THE THESSALONIANS ARE SUFFERING!

SEND TIMOTHY!

I'M ON IT!

...& TIMOTHY'S DISCOVERY

WE'RE GOING STRONG!

AND WE MISS PAUL!

PEACE & SECURITY!

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL BRING THEIR SUDDEN RUIN... (5:2-3)

...SO LIVE IN THE **PRESENT** AS IF THAT DAY IS ALREADY HERE. (5:4)

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First Thessalonians

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	The Pastor's Heart			The Pastor's Burden						
	Thanksgiving Remembering Affirming Reporting	The pastor among the flock The flock's response to the pastor	Personal concern Comfort and relief	Sexual purity Prophetic urgency	Stay alert! Encourage one another! Live in peace!	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTER 4	CHAPTER 5
Perspective	Looking back			Looking ahead						
Subject	The church itself	The apostle himself	The report	The concern	The balance					
Especially Appropriate for ...	new converts	young pastors	suffering Christians	tempted and uninformed Christians	"sleepy" Christians					
Theme	The hope of Christ's return comforts us and motivates us to godly living.									
Key Verses	1:8-10; 4:1, 13-18									
Christ in 1 Thessalonians	Jesus is our source of hope and comfort, the One who rescues believers from the coming wrath (1:10; 4:13-5:11).									



1. _____ wrote the letter?

Primary author = _____, but it was also a _____ effort.

2. To _____ and _____ was it written and sent?

The Church was established on Paul's _____ missionary journey.

First Thessalonians was one of the _____
epistles written around _____ A.D.

3. _____ is the message?

Main Theme: _____

Other reasons for the Letter:

- ✦ To grow in their _____
- ✦ Strengthen their _____ in the _____ of Christ.
- ✦ To keep _____!

"For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep **AWAKE**..."
1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

WORSHIP RESPONSE

What words of **ENCOURAGEMENT** would you say to yourself or another Christian if you knew Jesus would come back this Tuesday? Write your **"encouraging"** words on the **blue** card to post today!