



1-2 Thessalonians

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1. What three things did Paul remember or bear in mind about the Thessalonians (1:3)?

2. How did God “choose” or “elect” the Thessalonians (1:4)?

3. How was the gospel delivered to them (1:5)?

4. What kind of men did the apostles “prove themselves to be” while with the Thessalonians (1:5)?

5. How did the Thessalonians become “imitators” of the apostles and the Lord (1:6)?

6. What kind of church was the congregation in Thessalonica (1:7-10)?

7. What was the effect of Paul’s preaching (1:8-10)?

8. What other passages support the idea we are “waiting” for Christ’s return (1:10)?

1. Attempt to read all of 1-2 Thessalonians in one sitting. It should take about 20-30 minutes. A total of 8 chapters.
2. Read back through your workbook questions looking at the answers you have filled in.
3. To help prepare for the class review, generate a list of topics covered in 1-2 Thessalonians - you may choose to think of this as creating a one page outline of the book.
4. Have a brief discussion with a parent or parents where you tell them in your own words what 1-2 Thessalonians is about. It will be helpful for you to write it down in the space below. You may choose to create two separate descriptions, one for each letter.

1. Why was their coming to Thessalonica not in vain (2:1)?
2. What was the religious climate in which Paul originally taught to them (2:2)?
3. Verses 3-4 speak of their exhortation. What was it NOT and what WAS it?
4. Paul said they spoke "not as pleasing men" (2:4).
 - A. How does this relate to Paul's unusual reception to the message?
 - B. How do verses 5-6 explain Paul's point?
 - C. Why is the phrase "who examines our heart" added in verse 4?
5. Explain Paul's meaning in verse 7 about they "proved to be gentle among you".
6. What are Paul's feelings for this congregation (2:8)?
7. Verse 9 speaks of their working night and day. Is this spiritual work or life sustaining employment?
8. How do verses 10-11 tell us Paul taught them?
9. How do we "walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls us" (2:12)?

1. Why did the Thessalonians believe? (2:13)

2. What work does the word of God perform (2:13)?

3. What suffering is described by Paul (2:14-15)? (Compare with Acts 17:1-9.)

4. In what ways should we expect to suffer in a similar way?

5. Discuss the attitudes of the Christians in Judea described in 2:14-16.

6. How do some today exhibit this same attitude?

7. Why were the Thessalonians Paul's glory and joy (2:20)?

1. Define "keep away" (verse 6).

 - A. Who are we to keep away from?

 - B. How were some leading an "unruly life" in the congregation?
2. What order did Paul give them (v. 10)?

 - A. How was he an example of this to them?

 - B. What command did he now send to those not working (v. 12)?

 - C. How does verse 13 fit in the context?
3. If the unruly did not obey this command, what were the faithful commanded to do (v. 14-15)? Explain what this means you were or were not to do.
4. What is the significance of Paul's statement in verse 17?

Lesson 11

2 Thessalonians 2:12-3:5

1. How did God choose the Thessalonians from the beginning (2:13-14)?
2. How are we called by God today? Please explain.
3. What "traditions" are we to hold (2:15)?
4. How does God comfort and strengthen our hearts in every good work and word (2:17)?
5. What type of things does Paul encourage the Thessalonians to pray about (3:1-2)?
6. What action does Paul attribute to the Lord in the life of the Thessalonians (3:3)?
7. What is "steadfastness" which we are to possess (3:5)?

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Lesson 4

1. Who was sent to Thessalonica and for what purpose?
2. What had Paul foretold while he was with the Thessalonians?
3. What afflictions are we aware of that the Thessalonians endured?
4. What report did Timothy bring back to Paul?
5. How did this report help them?
6. What was lacking in their faith?
7. Why did Paul desire God to direct his way to Thessalonica? Why this statement?
8. In verses 12-13 what does Paul pray for the Thessalonians?
9. How does God "establish" our hearts "without blame in holiness"?

1. What previous verse or phrase parallels this statement in verse one: "as you received from us instructions as to how you ought to walk and please God"?
2. What is Paul's point in verse one?
3. According to Paul, all religious instructions or commands must be based on what?
4. Define sanctification (v. 3).
5. What example of sanctification does Paul list?
6. What are we supposed to know (v.4)?
7. How might we defraud a brother in this matter (v.6)?
8. For what purpose has God called us (v.7)?
9. Why would the Thessalonians possibly reject this teaching (v. 8)?

1. What does Paul give as the reason for writing this letter (v.1-3)?
 - A. What had they apparently been told?
 - B. Who told them this?
2. What does Paul affirm must come first before the second coming of Christ (v.3)?
 - A. How does Paul describe this event (v. 4)?
 - B. What restrains the "son of destruction" (v.6)?
3. What will happen to "the man of lawlessness" (v. 7-8)?
4. Does Paul identify the man of lawlessness?
5. What will the coming of the lawless one be like (v.9-10)?
6. From verses 9-12, is it true that men will be unable to determine truth?

Lesson 9

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

1. How do verses 3-4 relate to the book of 1st Thessalonians?
2. What is their “plain indication” that they are “worthy of the kingdom of God” (v. 5)?
3. What will God do to those who persecute Christians?
 - A. Define “retribution” from verse 8.
 - B. Who will deal out God’s retribution?
 - C. Who are those who “do not know God”?
4. What will be the penalty for these (v. 9)?
5. What will be the response of the faithful at Christ’s return (v.10)?
6. What is required for God to “count us worthy of our calling” (v.11)?
7. How is the name of Jesus glorified in us (v.12)?

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Lesson 6

1. In verse 9 Paul changes the topic to what? What instructions does he give about this topic?
2. What is supposed to be our “ambition” (v.11)?
3. What was Paul’s point in teaching about the dead in Christ (v.16)?
4. From verses 16-17 create a chronological list of events to take place at Christ’s return.
5. Why and how are we to “comfort one another” with these words (v.18)?

Lesson 7

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. How will the day of the Lord come (v.2)? What does this mean?
2. Describe Paul's allusion to us as being:
 - A. "Sons of light" (v. 5).
 - B. Not "sleeping" (v. 6).
3. Define:
 - A. Alert (v. 6)
 - B. Sober (v.6)
4. How do these images of armor (v. 8) compare with those in Ephesians 6?
5. Why are WE not destined for wrath (v. 9)?
6. Either "awake" or "asleep" (v. 10) we may live together with Him. What can we infer to have been believed in Thessalonica?
7. If they are encouraging one another, why does Paul include the instruction in verse 11?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Lesson 8

1. To whom do verses 12-13 refer? Why are we to esteem them highly?
2. Paul "urged" the brethren of several truths needed in our life (verse 14). For each phrase give one example of how we accomplish it.
 - A. Admonish the unruly
 - B. Encourage the fainthearted
 - C. Help the weak
 - D. Be patient with everyone
3. Explain how we can "rejoice always" (v. 16) when things happen that sadden us (such as the death of a loved one).
4. Discuss what is meant by "pray without ceasing" (v.17).
5. How does "God himself sanctify" us "entirely" (v. 23)?
6. What's the difference between "spirit and soul and body" (v. 23)?