

Bethel Bible Series

1 & 2 Thessalonians

NT Study 13

*Paul's letters are models of how to treat others:
You must first establish a common ground for the relationship. - PK*

Welcome

Opening - What are the three elements of faith and why are each important?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - *Faith*

Benefits of Faith (*Hebrews 11*) - Through faith:

We receive the greatest blessing of eternal salvation
Faith is credited as righteousness, Enoch did not experience death
Understanding is enlarged
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge
Blessings are given
Rewards, sins are forgiven, requests granted, nothing is impossible
Divine Responsibilities are accepted
Abel's better sacrifice, Noah built ark, Abram went and Abraham offered Isaac
God's Plan is understood
Patriarchs saw promises, Isaac and Jacob blessed sons, Joseph told of exodus
Persecution is tolerated
Moses chose mistreatment as an Israelite, Others were tortured, stoned
Fear and Frustration are calmed
Moses' parents, Moses left Egypt and kept the Passover, we have peace
Miracles are produced
Healing, Abraham became a father, Red Sea was crossed, Jericho walls fell
Victories are won
Faith of judges, kings and prophets

What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1

Faith - Picture Concepts

Three Hands
Notitia
Assensus
Fiducia

Dead Wreath by Notitia
Dead Wreath by Assensus
Flowered Wreath by Fiducia
White Flowers on Wreath

Spiral of light around upper hand

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Lesson - 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Thessalonica

Capital of Roman province of Macedonia (Northeastern Greece)
Important naval base and commercial harbor town
On *Via Egnatia*, the main road connecting Rome to the East

God Sends Paul to Thessalonica

Why did Paul head to Troas instead of west to Asia or north to Bithynia on his second journey?

Acts 16:6-8

Why did Paul go to Europe instead of circling back through Asia after reaching Troas?

Acts 16:9-10

Did Paul know where he was going?

Acts 16:11-12

What happened to Paul in the Roman colony of Philippi?

Acts 16:14, 18, 23

Where did Paul go after the leaders learned he was a Roman citizen and released him?

Acts 16:40-17:1

God Works Through Paul in Thessalonica

How was Paul and the gospel received in Thessalonica?

Acts 17:2-4

How did the Thessalonian Jews who didn't believe try to stop Paul?

Acts 17:5-9

God Sends Paul Further

What did Paul do when he found that his presence could hinder the gospel in Thessalonica?

Acts 17:10-12

Was the 50-mile distance to Berea far enough to stop the trouble in Thessalonica?

Acts 17:13-15

Where did Paul go after Athens and how was he updated on the situation in Thessalonica?

Acts 18:1, 5, 11

Paul and the Thessalonians

How did Paul feel about leaving Thessalonica so soon after starting work there?

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

What did Paul do to help strengthen and encourage the baby Thessalonian Christians?

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

What did Paul learn from Timothy's visit?

1 Thessalonians 3:6-8

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First Thessalonians

Banner and Two Quills

First Quill

Paul Praises the Thessalonians

Quill is Red

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

1 Thessalonians 1:7-8

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2; 1:6

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

Four Problems Addressed

1 Thessalonians 2:3-8 (3-13)

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (3-8)

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Admonition to Work

Figures Laying Stone Blocks

Philippians 3:20

1 Thessalonians 2:9

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

1 Thessalonians 5:14

The Dead in Christ

Grave

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

Second Coming of Christ

Figure Looking Upward

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11



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Second Thessalonians

Second Quill

Occasion of the Letter

Quill is Blue

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Events Preceding Christ's Second Coming

Throne and Serpent

2 Thessalonians 2:3

2 Thessalonians 2:4

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

Timing of Christ's Second Coming

Sundial

2 Thessalonians 2:6-8

Admonition to Work

Shovel and Trowel

2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10

2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15

Summary

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - 1 & 2 Corinthians