

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

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3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
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1 THESSALONIANS - CHAPTER 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who wrote this letter? And to whom was it written? _____ Verse _____
2. What was produced by faith, prompted by love and inspired by hope? _____ . Verse _____
3. How did the Gospel come to the Thessalonians? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Why did they not need to say anything about the Thessalonian's faith? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What happened to the Thessalonians when they became Christians? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Silas prayed for them always.
7. _____ God chose them because they were such good people.
8. _____ The Thessalonians suffered when they became Christians.
9. _____ They were waiting for Jesus to return.
10. _____ There is wrath coming.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Does faith cause action?
12. _____ Are these people considered a part of the family?
13. _____ Did Paul, Silas, and Timothy live in Thessalonica?
14. _____ Did these people serve idols and God at the same time?
15. _____ Is the Second Coming of Christ mentioned in this chapter 1?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter?
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn from this chapter?

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FIRST THESSALONIANS - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who are called Apostles in this chapter? (See chapter 1) _____ . Verse _____
2. What did these men do so they would not be a burden to the Thessalonians? _____ . Verse _____
3. Who called them into His kingdom? _____ . Verse _____
4. Who did the Christians in Thessalonica imitate? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who stopped Paul and his group from coming to them? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Their visit was a failure at first.
7. _____ These men were seeking praise from God.
8. _____ As Apostles they could have been a burden to the Thessalonians.
9. _____ Paul calls these Christians holy, righteous and blameless.
10. _____ Paul, Silas and Timothy were driven out of Judea by Jews.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was there opposition to the Gospel
12. _____ Was a mask put on to cover up greed?
13. _____ Were lives shared together?
14. _____ Were the new Thessalonian Christians treated as children?
15. _____ Was their word accepted as God's Word?

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FIRST THESSALONIANS - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Why did Paul send Timothy to them? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What did Paul tell them about persecution? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What was Paul's prayer concerning them? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Who is Paul expecting to come with Jesus when he returns? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Paul waited as long as he could before sending Timothy to them.
7. _____ Paul expected that the tempter might have tempted them.
8. _____ Paul tied his quality of life to their faith.
9. _____ Paul said that their faith was complete.
10. _____ Paul did not love them but saw them as converts to brag about.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Paul left alone in Athens?
12. _____ Did Paul look upon Timothy as a servant of his just doing as he was told?
13. _____ Had Timothy already been sent and returned when this letter was written?
14. _____ Is there joy in sharing the Gospel?
15. _____ Is Christ's second coming mentioned in this chapter?

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FIRST THESSALONIANS - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Paul say was God's will for them? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who taught them to love each other? _____ . Verse _____
3. What should they make their ambition? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did they believe about Jesus? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Who will meet the Lord in the air? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ They were living as they had been instructed.
7. _____ God will not punish men who live unholy lives.
8. _____ It is God who gives the Holy Spirit.
9. _____ It is good to be dependent on others.
10. _____ The dead in Christ will rise at the trumpet call of God.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Is it possible to live in order to please God?
12. _____ Is rejecting their instructions the same as rejecting God?
13. _____ Is the second coming of Christ spoken of in this chapter?
14. _____ Will the dead in Christ and those alive in Christ be with the Lord forever?
15. _____ Is the truth of the Lord's second coming meant to discourage us?

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FIRST THESSALONIANS - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did Paul feel that they did not have to write to the Thessalonians about times and seasons? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. When do people get drunk? _____ . Verse _____
3. How should they act since they are of the day? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Paul urge them to do? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. For what did Paul pray to be kept blameless? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. _____ When the Lord comes as a thief in the night it means he will come after the sun goes down.
7. _____ God did not appoint us to suffer wrath.
8. _____ Christ died for us just to forgive our sins.
9. _____ We do not need to respect those over us in the Lord.
10. _____ We should test everything.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ If a pregnant woman cannot escape, can we?
12. _____ Will the Lord's coming be like a thief in the night for Christians?
13. _____ Is there more in this chapter than in the rest of the letter about the second coming?
14. _____ Is being joyful, praying and giving thanks in everything what God wants us to do?
15. _____ Are prophecies to be treated with contempt?

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