

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 9: 1 Thessalonians

“Thankful to God”

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Summary: Paul expresses his thankfulness for the Thessalonians and their testimony.

Purpose:

- Paul wrote to publicly _____ God for the Thessalonian's continued Christian testimony.
 - 1:2 _____
 - 2:13 _____
 - 2:19-20 _____
 - 3:9 _____
 - 5:18 _____

Author:

- _____ (with Silas and Timothy)
- Acts 17:1-10
 - Paul's missionary team was not in Thessalonica for long – around _____ weeks.
 - A few Jews believed, and many proselyte Greeks did too.
 - The believers sent them away after the unbelieving Jews raised a riot.

Date:

- During the _____ Missionary Journey
- Paul sent Timothy to Thessalonica from Athens (Acts 17:14-15).
- 1 Thessalonians was probably written from Corinth (Acts 18:1, 5).
- Gallio (Acts 18:12) was deputy of Achaia in AD 51-52.
- The date is probably AD _____.

Important People:

- Paul: the author
- _____: Paul's missionary companion
- Timothy: Paul's messenger to the Thessalonians

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-4)
- The Thessalonian's _____ (1:5-3:13)
 - Their faith was an example around all Macedonia and Achaia (1:5-10).
 - The apostles rejoiced at the Thessalonians' conversion amid their suffering (2:1-20).
 - Timothy reported their faith (3:1-13).

- The Thessalonian's _____ (4:1-18)
 - Do not defraud your brothers with fornication (4:1-8).
 - Although their brotherly love was obvious, it needed to continue growing (4:9-12).
- The Thessalonian's _____ (4:14-5:28)
 - The Rapture gives hope for a reuniting with dead believers (4:14-18).
 - Be watching because we do not know when the Rapture will occur (5:1-11).
- Final comments and conclusion (5:12-28)

Key Theme: _____

- We wait for Jesus (1:10).
- Paul's rejoiced that the Thessalonians would be present at the day of Christ's coming (2:19).
- Paul prayed that they would be blameless at Christ's coming (3:13; 5:23).
- The hope of the Rapture (4:13-18).
- The _____ of the Rapture (5:1-11).

Key Theme 2: _____

- Recalled from Old Testament prophecy as a day of:
 - Destruction (Is. 13:6)
 - Death (Joel 2:11)
 - Divine judgment on sin (Ob. 1:15)
 - Darkness (Amos 5:20)
- It is coming like a thief (5:2).
- We can prepare because we know it is coming (5:4).
- We need to watch and be sober (5:6).
- It will _____ with the Rapture (5:9).
- The Rapture
 - Jesus will descend _____ from heaven.
 - There will be a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God.
 - Dead Christians will be raised out of the ground first.
 - Then living Christians will be taken from earth to meet Jesus.
 - All believers will be with Him _____.

Application: “Prepare for the Day of the Lord!”