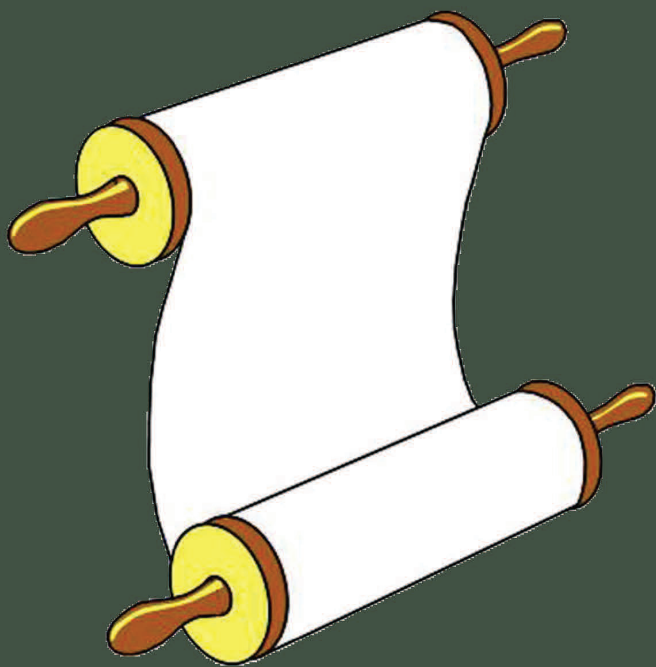


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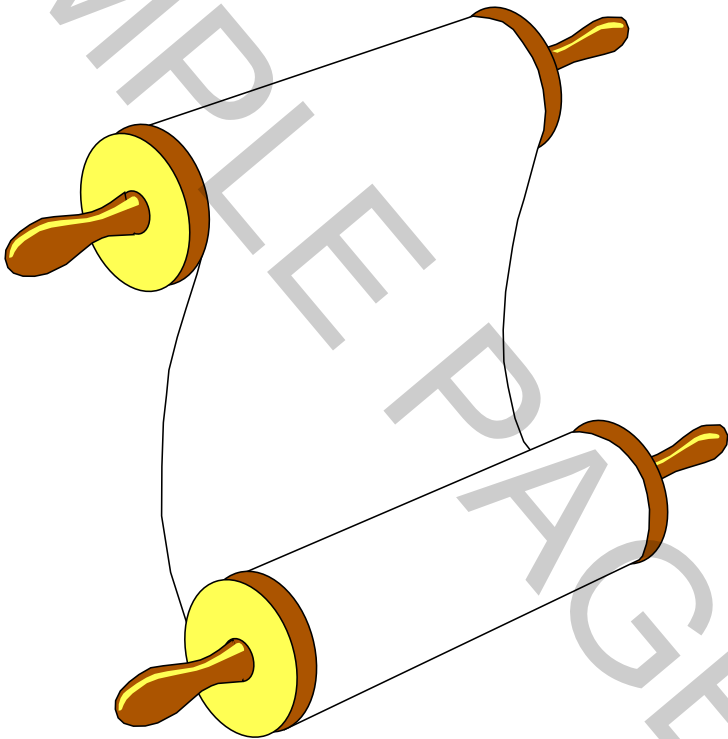
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# Foreword

- **The Beginning.** This book is the **eleventh** in a series of books based on my expository preaching from various books of the Bible. It is an attempt to bring to the minds of the readers two things: (1) the **meaning** of the words in the verses and (2) the practical **application** of those words to the lives of both saved and unsaved.
- **Preached Sermons.** These were messages that I preached to our **Bible For Today Baptist Church** in Collingswood, New Jersey. They were broadcast over the radio, and over the Internet by computer streaming around the world. They are now eventually all placed on the following LINK #1 for further use for people. <http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?speakeronly=true&cursection=sermonsspeaker&keyword=D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.> As the messages were preached, I took half a chapter each Sunday.
- **Other Verses.** In connection with both the **meaning** and **application** of the verses in this book, there are many verses from other places in the Bible that have been quoted for further elaboration on the teachings in this book. All the verses of Scripture that were used to illustrate further truth are written out in full for easy reference.
- **A Transcription.** This entire book was typed into computer format by Patricia Canter from the tape recordings of the messages as they were preached. Click the LINK #2 below to see and hear these. In addition to the words used as I preached these sermons, I have added other words for clarification as needed. <http://biblefortoday.org/AudioBibleSermons/1thessalonians.htm>  
<http://biblefortoday.org/AudioBibleSermons/2thessalonians.htm>
- **The Audience.** The intended audience for this book is the same as the audience that listened to the messages in the first place. These studies are not meant to be overly scholarly, though there are some references to various Greek Words used. My aim and burden is to try to help genuine Christians to understand the Words of God. It is also my hope that my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many others might profit from this study of 1&2 Thessalonians. The INDEX takes you to any word or topic.

**Yours For God's Words,**

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# 1 Thessalonians

## Chapter One

### The Background Of 1 Thessalonians

This book was written by Paul on his second missionary journey. In Acts 15, he stood up with Barnabas and chose Silas to go with him. In Acts 16, he found Timothy who also went with him. These three made up a team. They were writing to the church which was located in the city of Thessalonica.

#### Verses That Mention Thessalonica or The Thessalonians

- **Acts 17:1**

“Now when they passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews.”

In this verse, we see that there was a synagogue in the city of Thessalonica.

- **Acts 17:11**

”These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

I like this verse, because it is talking about those in Berea. My home for many years was in Berea, Ohio. Mrs. Waite and I both graduated from the Berea High School. According to this verse, those who lived in Berea of Asia Minor were “*more noble*” than those in Thessalonica because of the way they received the Words of God “*with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily.*”

- **Acts 17:13**

“But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.”

#### **THE JEWS' HATRED OF PAUL**

**The Thessalonian Jews hated that Paul preached the gospel to those at Berea. So they went to Berea and “*stirred up the people.*”**



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- **Acts 20:4**

“And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.”

This verse shows that there were two men from Thessalonica who accompanied him on his missionary journeys to Asia.

- **Acts 27:2**

“And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; *one* Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.”

Aristarchus, of Thessalonica, was with Paul on that journey to Rome where the ship was wrecked in the storm.

- **Philippians 4:16**

“For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.”

The Thessalonian Christians, on various occasions, gave to Paul to meet his needs.

- **1 Thessalonians 1a**

“Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: . . .”

### **THE CHURCH HAD SAVED MEMBERS IN IT**

**This church in Thessalonica had members in it who were genuinely born-again and saved.**

- **2 Timothy 4:10**

“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

After Demas forsook Paul, “having loved this present world,” he went to Thessalonica.

### **The Background Of The Church At Thessalonica**

- **Acts 17:1-2**

“Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,”

### **PAUL WAS THERE FOR THREE WEEKS**

**Paul spent three weeks in Thessalonica, reasoning with them from the Words of God.**

● **Acts 17:3-4**

“Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.”

**A GREAT MULTITUDE WERE SAVED**

**The Lord used Paul to win to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ “a great multitude” of the men and women in Thessalonica.**

● **Acts 17:5-6**

“But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;”

The “*baser sort*” of unbelievers who were in Thessalonica rose up against those who were Christians.

● **Acts 17:7-10a**

“Whom Jason hath received: [they came to Jason’s house which might have been a house church] and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. When they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: . . .”

**PAUL LEFT THESSALONICA AND WENT TO BEREA**

**Paul and his company had to leave Thessalonica because of the Jews that did not believe. These Jews stirred up the people so much that Paul had to leave. They then went to Berea.**

● **Acts 17:11-12**

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.”

**MANY WERE SAVED AT BEREA**

Paul had good results for the Lord Jesus Christ there in Berea. Many—both men and women--genuinely believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and were saved.

● Acts 17:13

“But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.”

**LOST JEWS STIRRED UP THE PEOPLE**

When the unbelieving Jews of Thessalonica heard that the gospel of Christ was being preached in Berea, they came over there and stirred up the people as they had done in their town.

● Acts 17:14-15

“And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: [they either wrote this letter from Corinth or Athens, we are not certain which city it was] and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.”

**1 Thessalonians 1:1**

**“Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**Those Who Greeted This Church.** Notice also the three men who greeted the church at Thessalonica--“Paul, and Silvanus [Silas], and Timotheus [Timothy].”

**THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH WAS SOUND**

The church at Thessalonica was a sound and Biblical church for it was “*in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.*” It was not an apostate church like many churches in our day.

**The Greeting.** “Grace be unto you, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul is addressing the Greek Christians with their main greeting (CHARIS “*grace*”) as well as the Hebrew Christians with their main greeting (EIREINE “*peace*”).

**THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The Lord Jesus Christ is not just another human being. He is joined as co-equal with God the Father because He is God the Son.

**Other References To Paul, Silas, and Timothy**  
**In The New Testament**

● **2 Corinthians 1:19**

“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.”

This verse shows that Silvanus and Timotheus were both with Paul in Corinth.

● **2 Thessalonians 1:1**

“Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: They were together as he wrote this letter. This greeting is similar to the one in 1 Thessalonians where all three men were present at the writing of both letters.

● **1 Peter 5:12**

“By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.”

Silas is mentioned by the Apostle Peter as being a “faithful brother.”

● **Acts 15:22**

“Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:”

Silas was sent to Corinth along with others. He was one of the “chief men among the brethren.”

● **Acts 15:40**

“And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.”

Paul chose Silas to go with him on his missionary journeys after John Mark had forsaken him and gone back home.

● **Acts 16:25**

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.”

### PAUL AND SILAS WERE JAILED AT PHILIPPI

Paul and Silas were both put in jail at Philippi because they led a demon-possessed woman to Christ and cast out her demon.

- **Acts 17:14**

“And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea; but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.”

Both Silas and Timothy stayed in Thessalonica after Paul had left the city.

- **Acts 18:5**

“And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus was Christ.*”

On this occasion, Paul was at Corinth. Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia and joined him at Corinth.

- **1 Corinthians 4:17**

“For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.”

### THREE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT TIMOTHY

Paul sent Timothy to Corinth. He mentioned three things about him:

1. **Timothy was Paul’s “*beloved son.*”** Not that Timothy was Paul’s physical son, but was his spiritual son because Paul had led him to genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **Timothy was “*faithful in the Lord.*”** Timothy did not waiver in his love and service for the Lord Jesus Christ as some did then and as some do today as well. He was steadfast for His Saviour.

3. **Timothy would teach Paul’s Doctrines.** Timothy would bring to the “*remembrance*” of those in Thessalonica all of Paul’s ways and doctrines which he taught “*everywhere in every church.*”

## 1 Thessalonians 1:2

**“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;”**

### THANKFUL FOR THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS

Paul thanked God for all of true Christians in the church at Thessalonica. He not only thanked God for them, but he