

I Thessalonians God's Got You if You Have Him

The Founding of the Work around A.D. 53

Acts 17:1-7

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and **three sabbath days** reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 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.

4 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.

5 **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.**

6 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;**

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

The record of their Christian maturity around A.D. 60

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of **Macedonia;**

2 How **that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.**

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that **we would receive the gift,** and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this **they did,** not as we hoped, but **first gave their own selves to the Lord,** and unto us by the will of God.

Author: _____

Date Written: A.D. _____

Key People: Paul, _____ **and Timothy**

Number of Chapters: _____

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I Thessalonians 1:5-7

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and **in the Holy Ghost,** and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became **followers of us**, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of **the Holy Ghost**:

7 So **that ye were ensamples** to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

Paul's Purpose for Writing the Book:

1. To _____ young converts
2. To condition them to go on to _____ – separated living
3. To _____ them with the second coming of Christ (Rapture)

Outline:

I. The Christian's _____ for God (I Thessalonians 1)

1. The evidence of Christianity (I Thessalonians 1:1-4)
 - a. Work of _____ – work of conviction)
 - b. Labor of _____ – intense work of Godly love
 - c. Patience of _____ – endurance because of the expectation of good from God
 - d. Your _____ = the act of picking out, choosing of God. (I Thessalonians 1:4)
2. What Christ wants from His followers (I Thessalonians 1:5)
 - a. Follow His _____
 - b. Utilize the Holy Spirit's _____
 - c. _____ Him confidently
3. Follow Me as I follow God (I Thessalonians 1:6)
 - a. Follow God's people as they follow _____
 - b. Watching them as they _____ the hardness of life
 - c. The Holy Spirit can produce _____ in affliction
4. WE ARE TO BE AN ENSAMPLE – _____ (I Thessalonians 1:7)
5. _____ from God as we follow Him (I Thessalonians 1:8-9)
6. He's coming Back – Just _____ till He gets here (I Thessalonians 1:10)

II. Paul's Approach to a _____ Ministry (I Thessalonians 2)

1. Introduction: What the Ministry's all about (I Thessalonians 2:1-6)
 - a. No _____ - Only the Truth (I Thessalonians 2:1-2)
 - b. No _____ (I Thessalonians 2:3-5)
 - c. No _____ for us (I Thessalonians 2:6)
2. What the Job of God's Minister entails (I Thessalonians 2:7-12)
 - a. A _____ towards the people (I Thessalonians 2:7-11)
 - b. A Desire for the _____ to Walk Worthy of God (I Thessalonians 2:12)
3. The only reward a Minister of God should _____ (I Thessalonians 2:13-16)

You have proven to walk worthy of God because...

- a. You _____ it (I Thessalonians 2:13)
- b. You _____ it (I Thessalonians 2:14a)
- c. You _____ for it (I Thessalonians 2:14b-16)

THE ONLY REWARD A MINISTER OF GOD SHOULD SEEK IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN IT – We need to quit worrying about _____ growth and focus on _____ growth!

4. We long to see you because you GOT IT! (I Thessalonians 2:17-20)

III. _____ - The Heart of the Matter (I Thessalonians 3)

- 1. Others need someone to care - _____ (I Thessalonians 3:1-2)
- 2. Others need someone they can _____ (I Thessalonians 3:3-5)
- 3. Others need someone to pray for them – _____ (I Thessalonians 3:6-13)

IV. A _____ Vessel (Thessalonians 4)

- 1. Refrain from _____ (I Thessalonians 4:1-5)
- 2. Rip off - _____ take advantage of others (I Thessalonians 4:6-8)
- 3. Respect - Love each _____ (I Thessalonians 4:9-10)
- 4. Reality - _____ pays off (I Thessalonians 4:11-12)

If we are honest God will take care of meeting our _____!

- 5. Rapture - God's definition of _____ for our needs (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - a. Don't be without _____ (I Thessalonians 4:13-14a)
 - b. Jesus will take care of the _____ Christian (I Thessalonians 4:14b-15)
 - c. Jesus will take care of the _____ Christian (I Thessalonians 4:16-18)

V. The Do's and Don'ts For the _____ Christian (I Thessalonians 5)

- 1. What _____ to do! (Don't focus on the End Times) (I Thessalonians 5:1-2)
- 2. The world believes _____ is here (I Thessalonians 5:3-4)
- 3. Focus on the _____ (I Thessalonians 5:5-6)
- 4. The world and _____ Christians do not care (I Thessalonians 5:7-8)
- 5. We're not going to be in the _____ or going to hell (I Thessalonians 5:9-11)
- 6. The job description of the _____ Christian – (I Thessalonians 5:12-22)
- 7. _____ does the sanctifying (I Thessalonians 5:23-24)
- 8. Paul's _____ (I Thessalonians 5:25-28)