

Lesson One: First Thessalonians 1:1-12

1. Who greeted the Thessalonians? The church was in whom? 1:1
2. What did they have from God the Father and the Lord Jesus? 1:1
3. Why did Paul mention them in his prayers? 1:2
4. List the things Paul remembered about them. 1:3
5. What was known about them? 1:4
6. How did the gospel come to them? 1:5
7. Whom did they follow? 1:6. In what did they receive the word? 1:6
8. To whom were the Thessalonians ensamples? 1:7
9. What was sounded out from them? What was spread abroad? 1:8
10. From what did they turn? To whom did they turn? 1:9
11. For whom did they wait? Who was raised from the dead? What did he do? 1:10

12. Thought Questions

- A. What is a "work of faith," A "labour of love," and "patience of hope"?
- B. How did God elect them?
- C. What did Paul mean by the gospel coming "not in word only but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance?"
- D. What is meant by the Thessalonians receiving "the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost"?
- E. In what ways were the Thessalonians ensamples to others?
- F. How did the faith of the Thessalonians manifest itself?
- G. What methods were available to the Thessalonians to sound out the word?
- H. Of what religious background were the Thessalonians?

Lesson Two: First Thessalonians 2:1-12

1. What did the Thessalonians know? 2:1
2. What had happened in Philippi? How did they speak in Thessalonica? 2:3
3. What three things did not characterize their exhortation? 2:3
4. What did God in trust to them? Whom did they please? 2:4
5. What did they not use? Who was their witness? 2:5
6. What did they not seek? Of whom? What might they have been? 2:6
7. How did Paul and those with him conduct themselves? Why? 2:7, 8
8. What did Paul want them to remember? 2:8
9. Who were witnesses? Of what were they witnesses? 2:10
10. What did the Thessalonians know? 2:11
11. Of whom were they to walk worthy? What had God done? 2:12

12. Thought Questions

- A. Note: 2:1-12 is a good passage on the attitude and work of a preacher.
- B. What had happened to Paul in Philippi?
- C. How did Paul conduct himself in Thessalonica?
- D. How was Paul supported in preaching the gospel in Thessalonica?
- E. From 2:1-12, list things you see in Paul that preachers should imitate.
- F. To what does the word "glory" refer? 2:6
- G. How does God try the hearts of men?
- H. How were the Thessalonians "called unto his kingdom and glory"?
- I. From 2:1-12 list things which Paul did not allow to destroy his good attitude toward his work of preaching the gospel and saving souls.

Lesson Three: First Thessalonians 2:13-20

1. Why did Paul thank God without ceasing? 2:13
2. In whom did the word of God work effectually? 2:13
3. Of whom did the Thessalonians become followers? 2:14
4. What had the Jews done? 2:14,15
5. To whom did the Jews not want them to speak? 2:14
6. What was come upon them? 2:16
7. What did Paul have a great desire to do? 2:17
8. What did Paul want to do? Why did he not do it? 2:18
9. In what did Paul rejoice? 2:19
10. What were they to Paul? 2:20
11. **Thought Questions**
 - A. What should be the difference between our attitude toward the word of men and our attitude toward the word of God?
 - B. What kind of believer is under consideration in 2:13?
 - C. What did Paul mean by the churches of Judea being in Christ?
 - D. Can one be in Christ without being in the church?
 - E. In what ways had the Thessalonians become followers of the churches in Judea which were in Christ?
 - F. List the things Paul accused the Jews of doing.
 - G. How could Satan hinder Paul from coming to them?
 - H. How could the Thessalonians be Paul's hope, glory, and joy?
 - I. Were any Jews living in Thessalonica? Was there a synagogue there? Acts 17

Lesson Four: First Thessalonians 3:1-13

1. Where was Paul? Why did he send Timothy to Thessalonica? 3:1,2
2. What should not move them? To what were they appointed? 3:3
3. What did Paul tell them when he was with them? 3:4
4. What did Paul want to know about the Thessalonians? 3:5
5. What report did Timothy bring back to Paul? 3:6 (cf. Acts 18:5)
6. How did Paul react to Timothy's report? 3:7,8
7. In Paul's rejoicing over them, why did he want to see them again? 3:9, 10
8. On whom did Paul rely to direct his way to them? 3:11
9. What did Paul want the Lord to make them to do? 3:12
10. What would be accomplished by those things being done? 3:13

11. Thought Questions

- A. Note: Please read Acts 17:1-15. From Athens Paul sent for Silas and Timothy. Timothy arrived in Athens, but Paul sent him back to Thessalonica (1 Th. 3:1). Timothy and Silas rejoin Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:5). You can see why these men were trusted co-workers.
- B. Why would Paul be so concerned about the faith of the Thessalonians?
- C. What should we learn from the concern Paul had for these new converts?
- D. What did Paul hope to accomplish by Timothy's return to Thessalonica?
- E. Did the faith of the Thessalonians comfort Paul in his afflictions? Why?
- F. What had Paul told them about afflictions in the life of the Christian?
- G. Find a passage that tells us the effect afflictions should have on us.
- H. Did God allow Paul to return Thessalonica? If so, was it providential?
- I. What was Paul's hope for the Thessalonians?

Lesson Five: First Thessalonians 4:1-12

1. What did Paul exhort the Thessalonians to do? 4:1
2. What did they know? 4:2. What was the will of God? 4:3
3. How were they to possess their vessel? 4:4,5
4. What were they not to do? Why? 4:6
5. To what had God not called them? To what had he called them? 4:7
6. The person who despises, despises whom? What had God given "us"? 4:8
7. Concerning what did Paul not need to write? Why? 4:9
8. To whom did they show their love? What did Paul want them to do? 4:10
9. What did Paul want them to do? 4:11
10. What would result from their doing the things in 4:11? 4:12

11. Thought Questions

- A. Note: 4:8 ways God had given "us" the Holy Spirit. A reference to the Holy Spirit being given to the apostles, who gave gifts to others.
- B. Define: sanctification, abstain, and fornication.
- C. In what sense did the Gentiles not know God?
- D. Whom were the Thessalonians to please?
- E. Define: Defraud. List one way a person might defraud another person.
- F. Is there a difference between sanctification and holiness? If so, what?
- G. Define: despise. List one thing a person might despise.
- H. List the results of the Thessalonians tending to their own business.
- I. List the three works of the Holy Spirit in the first century.
- J. How and why did the Thessalonians receive the powers of the Holy Spirit?

Lesson Six: First Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. Concerning what did Paul not want the Thessalonians to be ignorant? 4:13
2. How were they not to sorrow? 4:13
3. What were they to believe? 4:14
4. Whom would God bring with him? 4:14
5. By what did Paul write to the Thessalonians? 4:15
6. What will those who are alive at the coming of Christ not do? 4:14
7. Why will the living, who believe, not prevent those are asleep? 4:16
8. Then what? 4:17
9. How were they to use these words? 4:18

10. Thought Questions

- A. 4:13-18 concerns which coming of Jesus Christ?
- B. List the things that will happen when Jesus returns the second time.
- C. How many resurrections will there be? (cf. John 5:28, 29).
- D. In 4:13-18 the resurrection of what people is under consideration?
- E. In 4:13-18 the resurrection of what people is not under consideration?
- F. To what does body, soul, and spirit refer? (cf. I Thess. 5:23).
- G. At death, what happens to the body, soul, and spirit?
- H. In death, what part of man sleeps?
- I. What attitude should the Christian have toward death?
- J. 4:13-18 is used by false teachers in an effort to prove several false doctrines. List the false doctrines.

Lesson Seven: First Thessalonians 5:1-13

1. Concerning what did they not need Paul to write? Why? 5:1, 2
2. What will happen when men say, peace and safety? 5:3
3. What were they not in? That day will not overtake them as a what? 5:4
4. What were "ye"? What were "we" not? 5:5
5. What were they not to do? What were they to do? 5:6
6. What did Paul say about those who sleep and those who are drunken? 5:7
7. What did Paul say about those who are of the day? 5:8
8. To what has God not appointed us? To what has He appointed us? 5:8
9. What did Christ do? For what purpose did Christ do that? 5:10
10. What were they to do for themselves? 5:11
11. What obligations did they have to those were over them? 5:12, 13

12. Thought Questions

- A. What is the connection between 5:1-13 and 4:13-18?
- B. To what does the "day of the Lord refer"? How does a thief come?
- C. What are "children of light"?
- D. Define: Sober. What can destroy a Christian's sobriety?
- E. Why must a Christian watch?
- F. In what ways is the word "sleep" used in 5:1-13?
- G. What part of man sleeps in death?
- H. List some of the obligations of elders to members of the church.
- I. List some of the obligations of church members to the elders.

Lesson Eight: First Thessalonians 5:14-28

1. What did Paul exhort them to do in 5:14?
2. They were to see that none do what? What were they to follow? 5:15
3. In 5:16, 17 what two things were they to do?
4. In what were they to give things? Why? 5:18
5. List two things they were not to do. 5:19, 20
6. List the three obligations in 5:21, 22
7. Who would sanctify them? For what did Paul pray? 5:23
8. What is said about the one who called them? What would he do? 5:24
9. What did Paul ask them to do 5:25. How were they to greet brethren? 5:26
10. What charge did Paul give the Thessalonians? 5:27
11. How did Paul close this epistle? 5:28
12. **Thought Questions**
 - A. Note: The Thessalonians had miraculous powers. 5:19, 20 involves their attitude toward these powers.
 - B. From 5:14-28, list the obligations church members have to each other.
 - C. What obligations were involved in 5:21, 22?
 - D. List the three parts of man. To what do they refer?
 - E. To what coming of the Lord does Paul refer?
 - F. From 5:14-28, what custom did Paul regulate?
 - G. What did one do when he quenched the spirit?
 - H. Define: Despise. List things that a Christian should not despise.
 - I. How does God sanctify man?