

THESSALONIANS

Background Information

Writer:

Paul

To:

Church at Thessalonica - This city was founded towards the end of the century after Alexander's death in 332 BC. The city was at the junction of the northern trade route. The church was founded on Paul's 2nd missionary Journey.

I Thessalonians - Date: 50 or 51 AD

Themes:

To settle questions of the young church

- Lax morally in pagan culture – 4:3-7
- Some had died and there were questions – 4:13
- Some had given up work waiting for the second coming – 4:9-12
- Paul defends himself – 2:1-6,10,14-16

II Thessalonians – Date: 51 AD – Shortly after I Thessalonians

Themes:

- Persecution - 2:2
- Last days – 2:2
- Idle and disorderly 3:6-12

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I THESSALONIANS 1-2

I Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves shew of us
what manner of entering in we had unto you,
and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 1:1-4

Examine –

1. What three people are introduced at the beginning of this book?
2. To whom was the book written?
3. In whom is this Church?
4. With what two words did Paul greet them?
5. What does Paul do before God?
6. When does Paul mention them?
7. What three things does Paul remember about this church?
8. How often does Paul remember this?
9. Before whom do they perform this?
10. What does Paul know?
11. Paul called them B_____ in verse 4.
12. NOTE: Some people are scared of the words “election,” “elect,” or “chosen,” but they are in the Bible, about 30 times from 2 different Greek words. People get into trouble when they try to explain away or over-emphasize these words.

Apply-

This church was known for their hope, faith, love and patience. What do you think is your strong point from this list?

What do you think is your weak point?

What can you do to correct this today?

For what do you think your church is known?

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Read – I Thessalonians 1:5-10

Examine –

1. What did Paul preach to them?
2. Paul presented the gospel not only in what?
3. What three things characterized Paul's message?

4. Paul challenges them to examine his T_____. (What manner of man he was)
5. They followed Paul, which led them to follow whom?
6. How and with what did they receive the word?
7. From where does the above answer come?
8. What were these people to others?
8. How far did their influence go?
Find or trace a map of this region with these places labeled!
NOTE: As a result of their testimony, Paul's ministry was more effective.
9. Beyond these places, where else did their faith go?
10. What did Paul not need to do?
11. To what did they turn?
12. From what did they turn?
13. Whom did they serve?
14. For what are they waiting?
15. From what does God deliver us?
16. For what are we waiting?
17. What critical doctrine is mentioned in verse 10?

Apply-

When the believers were saved, the natural response was to share/serve. What are you doing to share and serve God?

How does your testimony speak to others?

Are you an asset to the cause of Christ or a detriment? How?

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Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 2:1-5

Examine –

1. What does he call them in verse 1?
2. What was Paul's entrance not?
3. Where was Paul at before he came to this city?
4. What two things happened to them at this city?

5. How did they speak the gospel?
6. Did Paul have opposition in Thessalonica?
NOTE: The word "exhortation" is the same as preaching.
7. When Paul was there, he did not use what three things in his preaching?

8. They preached only what God had put in their trust, which was what?
9. Who were they seeking to please?
10. Who tries the heart?
11. Paul did not use what kind of words?
12. What did he not have as his purpose?
13. Who is witness for this?

Apply-

Paul has all the right motives in his serving. What are your reasons for serving?

Do you realize daily that God sees and tries us?

Are you satisfied with what God is seeing of your life?

Have you shared the Gospel with someone this week?

Put one thing down that needs to improve and work on it today!

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Read – I Thessalonians 2:6-10

Examine –

Go back and read verse 1-5 to get the context.

1. From whom were they not seeking glory?

2. Were they burdensome to them?

NOTE: This probably indicates that Paul did not financially depend on them.

3. What does Paul use as an example of how they acted toward them?

4. What word does he use when describing how he treated them?

5. Define AFFECTIONATELY -

6. Paul imparted not only what to them?

7. What was Paul also willing to give to them?

8. Why?

9. What would the people remember?

10. How/when did Paul labor?

11. Why did Paul do this?

12. Of what are the people witnesses?

Apply-

Do you treat people with gentleness and affection?

Would you say that those around you would describe your life as holy, just, and unblamable?

In what ways do you fall short of these qualities?

Examine yourself and see how you stack up!

This was a pretty tall statement by Paul.

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Read – I Thessalonians 2:11-15

Examine –

1. Paul uses three words to describe how to speak to them. List them beside the definition.

	To utter honorable testimony, give a good report; conjure, implore
	To address one by way of incentive or admonition; calm; console
	To beseech, to call to ones side, encourage

2. This is how a _____ would do for his children.
3. They were to do what before God?
4. God had called them into what two things?
5. What did Paul do without ceasing?
6. How did they not receive the Word of God?
7. What works in us if we believe?
8. Of what did they become followers?
NOTE: Because these churches are in Judea, they are Jewish believers.
9. From whom were the Thessalonians sufferings?
10. From whom had the Jewish believers suffered?
11. The Jews killed whom?
12. Who had they persecuted?
13. They please not _____ and are contrary to _____.

Apply-

Most of us don't have to suffer persecution. We should be thankful for that. Looking at question 13, describe your relationship to God?

Describe your relationship to man?

NOTE: If your relationship to either God or man is not right, the other will be messed up too!

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Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 2:16-20

Examine –

Go back and read verse 14-15 to get the context.

1. What did the Jews try to forbid?
2. What is come upon them?

Read Hebrews 10:31

3. Paul was taken from them for how long?
4. Where was his heart?
5. What did he have a great desire to do?
6. Did Paul try to come?
7. Who hindered Paul?
8. What is the answer to the first question in verse 19?
FACT: The second question is a rhetorical question. The answer is obvious.
9. Based upon the above fact, what is the answer to this question?
10. What was Paul's joy and glory?
NOTE: Paul has a pastor's heart. He longed to help and spend time with the Christians.
He loved them and wanted the best for them. Your pastor feels the same about you!

Apply-

Are you under the wrath of God?

How are you growing towards Christ-likeness?

Are you closer to God today than you have ever been?

If not, WHY?

Ask God to help you to get back to where you once were.

Remember: In the Christian life, you either go forward or backward. You never just sit still!

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Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

1. List the things that Paul commends the church for in chapters 1-2.

2. On what things did Paul defend himself?

3. Paul uses two types of people to describe his relationship to them; list them.

4. Who was fighting the gospel?
5. Who was fighting Paul coming to see them?
6. Who was Paul's glory and joy?

Apply-

These young Christians at Thessalonica were and are a challenge to others and us. Their salvation produced an outward sign in shedding idols, service, and sacrifice.

What outward signs do you have of your salvation?

If someone accused you of being a Christian, is there enough evidence to convict you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

I THESSALONIANS 3-4

I Thessalonians 4:11

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business,
and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 3:1-5

Examine –

1. Where was Paul left?
2. Was anyone else with him?
3. How does he describe his relationship with Timothy? (3 things)
4. Why did he send Timothy? (2 reasons)
5. Apparently the people were going through what?
6. To what are we appointed?
SEE II Timothy 3:12
7. What had Paul told them when he was there?
8. What did he want to know?
9. What was he afraid the tempter would do?
10. Who is the tempter?
11. If this happened, what would his labor be?

Apply-

Paul is explaining to the people why he sent Timothy. He wanted to come but could not, so he sent the next best thing. Are you concerned about fellow Christians?

What do you do to see them grow?

What do you do if they are in sin?

Ask God to help you beware of those needs around you!

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 3:6-10

Examine –

1. From where had Timothy come?
2. Paul lists four things about this church that Timothy reported. List them!
3. What was Paul going through?
4. Paul said that he was _____ in his difficulties.
5. What comforted him?
6. Paul now is able to do what?
7. How can he do this?

NOTE: Paul is saying that his “life is bound up in their spiritual life.” Another author says, “Their spirits were revived and became alive and cheerful.” The Greek word can mean “active, blessed, and endless in the kingdom of god.”

8. What can Paul not express in words?
9. What did they bring to Paul?
10. For what is he praying?
11. How often does he pray?
12. Why does he want to come?

Apply-

- What would others report on your faith?
- How do you bring your authorities joy?

We all have some areas lacking in our spiritual life. List your weak area:

Who is helping you with this? _____ Thank them today! If you do not have someone, ask for help! You may have areas you are not aware of yet; ask someone Godly that you trust!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 3:11-4:2

Examine –

1. Who is God to Paul?
2. How does Paul refer to Jesus Christ?
3. What are God and Jesus doing?
4. In what should they increase and abound?
5. Who will produce this in them?
6. Towards whom should they increase in love?
7. What is the end purpose of God?

8. How will our hearts be, and in what will they be?

9. When will this come to fruition?
10. What did they receive of Paul?
11. What were they to continue doing?
12. How were they to continue this?
13. What did they know?

Apply-

Do you love people more and more?

Are you unblameable before God?

What things are you doing that you already know to do?

What things are you not doing that you know to do?

Most of us know more than we do!!!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 4:3-8

Examine –

1. What is the will of God?
2. What is part of sanctification?
3. Define SANCTIFICATION –
NOTE: The word “abstain” means “to hold off.” It is in the middle voice in Greek. This means there is benefit to you – literally, “do it help yourself.”
4. What should every one of us know?
5. What is our vessel?
6. How should we possess our vessel?
7. How should we not possess it?
8. Define CONCUISCENCE –
9. If you do this you act like whom?
10. Whom do they not know?
11. What should we not do in any matter?
12. Define DEFRAUD –
13. Who will judge all things?
14. To what has God not called us?
15. To what has He called us?
16. If you despise rules and Godly living, whom are you really despising?
17. What has God given us as help?

Apply-

How are you striving towards holiness?

Do you despise rules, people, and other things that help you to grow?

Remember who you are fighting against! Are you saying yes to the Holy Spirit’s prompting?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Examine –

1. What does Paul touch on next?
2. Did he need to write to them about this?
3. Who was teaching them to love?
NOTE: This appears to be a strong point of this church.
4. With whom do they demonstrate this?
5. What does Paul encourage them to do?
6. What should they study to do?
7. To whose business should they attend?
8. What should they do with their own hands?
9. Why do all this?
10. How should they walk?
11. Who do you think are “those that are without”?
12. What would they lack if they do this?

Apply-

Paul gives basically three things in this passage: Love others, work hard, and mind your own business. On a scale from 1-10 with 10 being the highest, rate yourself in each one of these categories:

Love (Do you treat everyone with love?)

Working hard (Are you honest in your dealings?)

Minding your own business (Are you more concerned about others' problems than your own?)

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Examine –

1. In what does Paul not want them ignorant?
2. How should they not sorrow?
3. What do we believe in verse 14?
NOTE: This is essential for salvation!
4. Define sleep in this context.
5. What will happen to those who sleep?
6. Will some Christians be alive when God comes again?
7. Will those Christians affect the sleeping ones?
8. Who is coming to get us?
9. What three things will signal His coming?

10. Who will rise first?
11. Where will we be caught together?
12. Where are we going to meet the Lord?
13. How long will we be with Him?
14. What should we do with this knowledge?

NOTE: This was a church that was young in the faith, and Paul wanted to teach them about the future. The people who died in the Lord are not gone; rather, they are waiting for Jesus to return. Because of these truths, we sorrow differently than others and we can comfort other people with these words.

Apply-

Do you have friends or loved ones already in Heaven?

This will be a happy time to meet them again, but the question is, “Are you ready to meet the Lord?”

What would you be ashamed about if Christ came today? (I John 2:28)

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 4:11

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Who did Paul send to Thessalonica?
2. What kind of report did he give about the church?
3. Why did Paul want to come to them?
4. What did Paul say about persecution?
5. The good report brought Paul what?
6. What is God's will?
7. What should we know how to do?
8. God wants us to not be unclean but _____.
9. Who really do we despise?
10. What did this church already do well?
11. In the last part of chapter 4, about what was the church concerned?
12. How is God coming back?
13. What should this information do for us?

Apply-

Paul gives much encouragement during these two chapters. This also contains a very popular passage.

If you were at the church when this letter was received, how would you have responded?

What part would you say you needed the most?

What are others saying about your testimony?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

I THESSALONIANS 5

I Thessalonians 5:12-13a

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and
are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
And esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

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Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 5:1-4

Examine –

1. What does Paul not need to write to them?
2. To what is he referring?
3. How will “the day of the Lord” come?
4. What do we know about a thief?
5. What will some people say?
6. What is really coming?
7. To what does he liken the coming of this event?
8. Will they escape?
9. They are not in what?
10. So, how should this day not overtake them?

Apply-

Will you be ready when the day comes?

Are you looking for the Lord’s return?

Are your friends ready for His return?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 5:5-8

Examine –

1. Paul describes us as what kind of children? (2 things)
2. In contrast, of what are we not?
3. What should we not do as others are doing?
4. What two things should we be doing?

5. When do people sleep?
6. When do most people get drunk?
7. Is Paul referring to actual sleep and drunkenness?
8. What should we put on first?
9. What does this represent?
11. What should we put on also?
10. What does this represent?

Apply-

Read Romans 13:11-12. Are you asleep spiritually?

If you are, what will it take to wake you up?

If you are awake, what are you doing?

Are you making every moment count?

Prayer: _____

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Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 5:9-13

Examine –

1. To what has God not appointed us?
FACT: This is an excellent passage to prove why we believe in a pre-tribulation rapture!
2. What should we obtain through Jesus?
3. What did Jesus do for us?
4. What two options are there for Christians at Christ's coming?
5. What will both be able to experience?
6. Again this information should do what for us? (This time he does add another thing to it)
7. Define BESEECH –
8. Who should they get to know?
9. What three things do these men do for Christians?
10. These men are called Pastors today. How are you supposed to treat these men?
11. Why treat them this way?
12. What will this produce in you?

Apply-

When is the last time you have done something special for one of your pastors?

Remember they labor, admonish and are your authority!

Call your pastor today and tell him you love and appreciate him. It will mean so much to him!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read - I Thessalonians 5:14-17

Examine –

1. This word exhort is the same word as beseech. What four things are they to do?
2. Define UNRULY –
3. Define FEEBLEMINDED –
4. What should no one do to any other person?
5. How should we always respond?
6. What should we do evermore?
7. What are we to do without ceasing?
8. What do you think this means?

Apply-

There are basically seven different things that they are told to do. List them and then put a number beside them to show your strong and weak ones. The 1 would be the strongest and 7 the weakest.

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Praise: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 5:18-22

Examine –

1. When should we give thanks?
2. We should do this because it's God's _____.
3. Who should we not quench?
4. Define QUENCH –

5. What should we not despise?
6. What should we do to all things?
7. What should we hold fast?
8. From what should we abstain?
9. HOW MUCH?

NOTE: We are not just to avoid evil but even the appearance of evil.

Apply-

This passage has a lot of short power-packed truths that can change our lives.

What is your strongest one and why?

What is your weakest one and what can you do to change it?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – I Thessalonians 5:23-28

Examine –

1. Who is going to sanctify you?
2. God is a God of _____.
3. How much of you will he sanctify?
4. What three parts of us do we see here?

5. How does Paul pray that these will be preserved?
6. For how long?
7. God is _____.
8. He not only called you but will do what? (You may want to look to the previous verse)

9. What does Paul want them to do for them?
10. How should we greet each other?
What does this mean?
11. Where should this epistle be read?
12. What does Paul wish to be with them?

Apply-

It's important for us to know that it is God who does the sanctifying.

Can you think of something that you constantly struggle to get victory over in your spiritual life? If so, what?

When we realize that we are not capable of doing this on our own and depend totally on God to do it that is when we see the victory. He is faithful and will do it.

Will you let Him?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – I Thess. 5:12-13a

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

1. How will “the day of the Lord” come?
2. What will people say before destruction comes?
3. Christians are children of what?
4. What should we **not** do while we can work?
5. We should be S_____.
6. What two things should we do with this knowledge according to verse 11?

7. How should we treat Pastors?
8. Can you list the 12 things Paul tells them to do at the end of this chapter?

9. Who is to read this epistle?

Apply-

There are many commands in this passage. Which one is the hardest for you to do?

Why?

What seems to come natural for you to do?

Why?

Are you trusting God to make changes in you?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

II THESSALONIANS 1:1-2:10

II Thessalonians 1:12

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you,
and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 1:1-3

Examine –

1. Look back at the first book - verse 1 and compare it to verses 1-2 of this book. What is the difference?
2. Who is again writing this book?
3. To whom is it written?
4. In whom are they?
5. What two greeting words does Paul use here?
6. From where do these things come?
7. What is Paul bound to do?
8. How often does he do this?
9. What is growing in their life?
10. How is it growing?
11. What “aboundeth”?
12. To whom does it abound?

Apply-

How is your faith?

Is it growing?

Read Hebrews 11:6 and write what it takes to please God!!

How is your love (charity) for others?

For extra reading to help with this, read I Corinthians 13!

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Praise: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 1:4-6

Examine –

1. What does Paul do on their behalf?
2. Where does he do this?
3. On what two things does he “brag”?
4. They demonstrated this in what area of life?
5. Define TOKEN –
6. What does this show about God?
7. Of what will they be counted worthy?
8. What do they do for the kingdom?
9. What is considered a righteous thing to God?
10. Who will God trouble?

Apply-

Are you willing to suffer for the kingdom of God?

What would you be willing to do now for God?

Some of you may very well suffer for the cause of Christ. Remember Christ will defend you!

If someone was going to talk about our church would they “brag” about our faith and patience?

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Praise: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 1: 7-10

Examine –

1. What does Paul encourage those who are troubled to do with him?
2. Who will be revealed from Heaven?
3. What will be with Him?
4. What will He take out on these people?
5. What kind of judgment will He use?
6. For what two things will they be judged, (They really are the same thing)?
7. What will be their punishment? (general)
8. How long will it last?
9. Specifically what two areas will be involved in their punishment?
10. What are two things that will happen for Jesus when He returns?
11. Why will these people get to participate in that?

Apply-

On which side are you?

How do you admire Him now?

How are you glorifying Him now? (I Corinthians 10:31)

What specifically can you do today to admire Him?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Examine –

1. What does Paul do always for them?
2. For what does he pray? (3 things)
3. What is the purpose of all these things?
4. What will produce all this according to verse 12?
5. What word does Paul use here again (vs. 1)?
6. What does he use as the motivation behind this beseeching?
7. Paul does not want them to be what two things?
8. What three things should not shake them?
9. What do they think has already happened?

NOTE: The phrase “day of Christ” is used three times in Scripture: here, Phil. 1:10, and Phil 2:16. It means the last day of this present age, the day Christ will return from Heaven. They thought this had happened and they were hearing from people who claimed to speak for God (“by spirit”), by word of mouth (“by word”), or by a letter a letter from Paul (“by letter”).

Apply-

Does God coming back shake you?

Describe below what you think about when you think of His coming:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 2:3-6

Examine –

1. What should they not let happen?
2. What will not come without some things happening first?
3. What two things should happen?

4. What is another name for the man of sin?
5. What does he do against God?

6. Where does he sit?
7. What does he act like he is?
8. What does Paul ask them if they remember?
9. What do they now know?

NOTE: The next few days will show you why those who believe that people can be saved in the tribulation are wrong. Paul assumes that these people know what “withholdeth” that the “antichrist” (the person acting as God called the man of sin and the son of perdition in vs. 3-4) should be revealed. What is restraining the world in sin now? The Holy Spirit, who indwells believers, is the restrainer! (John 16:8). He is living in us, but when the antichrist appears we will be gone and so will the Holy Spirit.

Apply-

Do you give true worship to God?

He alone deserves it, and only He should get our praise!

Read a Psalm today. List at least 10 character qualities of God and how they affect you.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12 Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 2:7-10

Examine –

1. Who already works?
2. Who is this?
3. The next phrase can be confusing. It refers to the restraining work of the Holy Spirit as we described yesterday. What will eventually happen to the Holy Spirit?
NOTE: The words “letteth” and “withholdeth” in verse 6 and 7 are the same word. They mean to hold back or detain.
4. When, do you think, these events will happen?
NOTE: I believe this will happen at the rapture!
5. After this who will be revealed?
6. What will God do to him?
7. What two ways will He do this?
8. What is in God’s mouth? (Compare Revelation 1:16; Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12)
9. Who will work first?
10. How will Satan authenticate his “ministry”? (4 things)
11. Why will these people be deceived by Satan?

Apply-

If you are not saved by the rapture, you will not be saved. Are you sure of your salvation?

Are you actively telling others of “the love of the truth”?

Do you recognize that Satan is working?

How?

Do you depend on God for victory over him? (Give a verse that helps you in this area)

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 1:12 Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

Again much of the discussion is on the end times.

1. On what does Paul say this church can be commended?
2. What is a token of God's goodness?
3. What is a righteous thing?
4. Who will help God fulfill His judgments?
5. How long will the people's destruction last?
6. What does Paul do always for this church?
7. How does Paul refer to the end times? (2:2)
8. Who will first be revealed?
9. Who does he oppose?
10. Who/what is the withholding force?
11. What will the Lord do to the wicked?
12. How does Satan prove himself?

Apply-

Could Satan authenticate himself today through miracles and so forth?

(Remember he comes in a very deceiving way)

How does this affect you?

*Make sure you check everything with the Bible and don't trust experience.

The Holy Spirit is the restraining force. How do you listen to His warnings?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

II THESSALONIANS 2:11-3:18

II Thessalonians 3:13

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 2:11-14

Examine –

Go back and read verses 6-10. Remember Satan will deceive these people because they did not receive Christ.

1. What will God send them?

2. What will they believe?

NOTE: This is the passage that teaches that if a person heard the gospel before the rapture they cannot be saved after the rapture. Verse 10 tells us that they rejected the gospel and are not saved.

3. What will happen to those who do not believe the truth?

4. In what did they have pleasure?

5. What is Paul bound to do?

6. Paul refers to them as brethren and _____.

7. Why is he thankful?

8. Who does the sanctifying?

9. What must you believe?

NOTE: Don't let this mess you up - if you are saved, then you were elected before the foundation of the world. Election is God's business and accepting is ours!

10. How were they called?

11. Again, why were they saved?

Apply-

Everything is done for God's glory. How are you giving Him glory today?

When someone is saved it brings God glory – are you sharing the gospel?

How does your life demonstrate to the world the kind of God you serve?

When people see you, do they want what you have?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 2:15-17

Examine –

1. Because God is coming back to get us and he saved us, what should we do? (2 things)
2. What are the two ways this church was taught?
3. Who is God to us who believe?
4. How do we know God loves us?
5. What has God given us?
6. Define CONSOLATION –
7. These two things are given through what?
8. Who is comforting us?
9. What else will He do?
10. In what two areas does He do this?

Apply-

Because of all God has done for us, we need to hold fast. In what are you holding fast?

I Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

How are you taught today?

Do you heed what you are taught?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 3:1-4

Examine –

Paul now shifts gears and gives some final commands and exhortations to this young church.

1. What does he want them to do?
2. For what does he want them to pray?
3. What was his next prayer request?
4. What kinds of men are persecuting Paul?
5. What do all men not have?
6. Who is faithful?
7. What two things will he do for them?
8. Paul's confidence is in whom?
9. Paul has confidence that what will happen?

Apply-

When is the last time you thanked God for His faithfulness?

Can you list some areas that God has demonstrated faithfulness to you?

Do people have confidence in you that you do and will do what God has commanded you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 3:5-9

Examine –

1. What will the Lord do for them?
2. Where will He direct it? (2 things)
3. Paul now gives a _____.
4. Whose authority backs this command?
5. From whom should they withdraw themselves? (2 things would constitute withdrawal)
6. What does the church already know?
7. How did Paul behave himself among them?
8. Did they depend on the people for their food?
9. How did they eat?
10. How often did they work?
11. Why did they do this according to verse 8?
12. They could have received stuff from them but they wanted to be an _____ to them.

Apply-

If you keep reading, as you will tomorrow, you will see that the people with disorderly conduct were probably not working.

Are you a worker?

How do you pull your own weight at home, at church, with friends, etc.?

Do you always depend on others for your basic needs?

Remember this is SIN!

Do you concentrate on what others can do for you or what you can do for others?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 3:10-13

Examine –

1. In relation to work, what had Paul commanded them when he was there?
2. What does Paul hear?
NOTE: Yesterday's "Apply" section talked about the disorderly not working. He will expound on that subject now.
3. What are they doing instead of working?
4. Define BUSYBODY –
5. These kinds of people should work how?
6. What should they eat?
7. In what should they not be weary?

NOTE:

- Apparently in the church someone had said that Jesus was soon coming back, so people quit their jobs and waited for His return. This is the attitude that Paul is addressing. We find this happening today, and it's still just as wrong.
- Others are just plain lazy, and God says they should eat the bread that they worked for!

Apply-

It's easy to get discouraged when you're doing right and others around you are doing wrong and they seem to be blessed.

Are you discouraged?

Confess this as sin and focus on God.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – II Thessalonians 3:14-18

Examine –

1. What kind of men should you note?
2. How else should you treat him?
3. Why should we do this?
4. We should not treat him as what?
5. We should _____ him.
6. Define ADMONISH –
7. The Lord is a Lord of what?
8. Who is to be with them?
9. Who signs the book?
10. What is a token in all his epistles?
11. What does Paul bid to be with them?

Apply-

Do you obey the Word?

Do you know of someone who does not obey the Word?

How do you treat him/her?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Thessalonians 3:13

Time spent in prayer: _____

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Why should we stand fast and hold the traditions?
2. Who will comfort our hearts?
3. What should we pray for every missionary/preacher?
4. Who is faithful?
5. What reasons in chapter 3 should we not fellowship with someone?

6. Who was Paul chargeable to when he was there?
7. If you do not work, what should you also not do?
8. Some of the people did not work but were what?
9. In what should you not be weary?
10. When someone does wrong, we should not treat him like an _____ but like a _____.
11. Who wrote the book?

Apply-

What command or exhortation do you find most difficult to obey?

Why?

What can you do to ensure that you do obey?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
