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1 Thessalonians

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PART ONE

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A. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING - 1:1-10.

1. The opening of the letter - 1:1.

- a. Salutation - 1:1a.
- b. Greeting - 1:1b.

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- a. Paul's remembrance of the church in Thessalonica - 1:2-4.
- b. Paul's preaching of the gospel in Thessalonica - 1:5.
- c. The Thessalonians' reception of the gospel - 1:6-10.

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1. The boldness of Paul in preaching the gospel - 2:1-4.

- a. Paul's difficulties in Philippi - 2:1,2.
- b. Paul's stewardship of the gospel as an apostle - 2:3,4.

2. The purity of Paul's motives in preaching the gospel - 2:5-8.

- a. Paul's denial of dishonorable motives - 2:5,6.
- b. The depth of Paul's affection for the Thessalonians - 2:7,8.

3. The blamelessness of Paul's conduct - 2:9-12.

- a. The evidence of Paul's honor - 2:9,10.
- b. Paul's fatherly charge to the Thessalonians - 2:11,12.

4. The persecution of those who received the gospel in Thessalonica - 2:13-16.

- a. The Thessalonians' response to the gospel - 2:13.
- b. The opposition by unbelievers to the preaching of the gospel - 2:14-16.

C. PAUL'S CONCERN - 2:17-3:13.

1. Paul's great desire to see the Thessalonians again - 2:17-20.

- a. Paul's unsuccessful efforts to return to Thessalonica - 2:17,18.
- b. Paul's rejoicing on behalf of the Thessalonians - 2:19,20.

2. Paul's sending of Timothy to Thessalonica - 3:1-5.

- a. The reason Timothy was sent back to Thessalonica - 3:1-3.
- b. Paul's previous warnings concerning the Thessalonians' persecution - 3:4,5.

3. Paul's rejoicing at the report of Timothy - 3:6-10.

- a. The good news brought back by Timothy - 3:6,7.
- b. Paul's thanksgiving for the faithfulness of the Thessalonians - 3:8-10.

4. Paul's prayer for the church in Thessalonica - 3:11-13.

- a. A request that Paul might at last be able to see the Thessalonians - 3:11.
- b. A prayer that the Thessalonians might be established in holiness - 3:12,13.

PART TWO
PRACTICAL EXHORTATIONS — CHAPTERS 4,5

A. ENCOURAGEMENT TO AN HONORABLE WAY OF LIFE - 4:1-12.

- 1. A way of life that pleases God - 4:1-8.**
 - a. Abounding in the Christian life - 4:1,2.
 - b. Maintaining sexual purity - 4:3-8.
- 2. A way of life that gains the respect of outsiders - 4:9-12.**
 - a. Brotherly love - 4:9,10.
 - b. Honorable self-maintenance - 4:11,12.

B. ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING CHRIST'S RETURN - 4:13-5:11.

- 1. Instruction concerning those who have died in Christ - 4:13-18.**
 - a. Those who are alive will have no advantage over the dead in Christ - 4:13-15.
 - b. Both the living and the dead in Christ will be with the Lord forever - 4:16-18.
- 2. Instruction concerning the day of the Lord - 5:1-11.**
 - a. Christ will return unexpectedly - 5:1-3.
 - b. Christians should live watchfully - 5:4-11.

C. MISCELLANEOUS EXHORTATIONS - 5:12-28.

- 1. Instructions concerning the life and work of the congregation - 5:12-22.**
 - a. Concerning the elders of the congregation - 5:12,13.
 - b. Mutual responsibilities in the congregation - 5:14,15.
 - c. Various instructions - 5:16-22.
- 2. Paul's blessing and the conclusion of the letter - 5:23-28.**
 - a. Benediction - 5:23,24.
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2 Thessalonians

Study Outline

MAJOR DIVISIONS OF THE BOOK

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- A. 3:1-5 — Mutual Concern Between Paul and the Thessalonians
- B. 3:6-18 — A Warning Against Idleness

PART ONE

CONCERNING CHRIST'S RETURN — CHAPTERS 1:1-2:12

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1. The opening of the letter - 1:1,2.

- a. Salutation - 1:1.
- b. Greeting - 1:2.

2. Paul's thanksgiving for the Thessalonians - 1:3-10.

- a. The faith, love, and patient endurance of the Thessalonians - 1:3,4.
- b. The righteous judgment of God - 1:5-8.
- c. The day of the Lord - 1:9,10.

3. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians - 1:11,12.

- a. That the Thessalonians might be found worthy of their calling - 1:11.

- b. That Christ might be glorified in the Thessalonians - 1:12.

B. EVENTS THAT MUST PRECEDE CHRIST'S RETURN - 2:1-17.

1. **Correction of a misunderstanding - 2:1,2.**
 - a. Concerning the coming of Christ - 2:1.
 - b. The day of Christ has not come - 2:2.
2. **The appearance of the lawless one - 2:3-10.**
 - a. The great rebellion - 2:3-5.
 - b. The restraining power - 2:6,7.
 - c. The coming of the lawless one - 2:8-10.
3. **The judgment of unbelievers - 2:11,12.**
 - a. Strong delusion - 2:11.
 - b. Condemnation - 2:12.
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 - a. Thanksgiving - 2:13,14.
 - b. Exhortation - 2:15.
 - c. Prayer - 2:16,17.

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A. MUTUAL CONCERN BETWEEN PAUL AND THE THESSALONIANS - 3:1-5.

1. **Paul's request for the Thessalonian's prayers - 3:1,2.**
 - a. Prayer that the gospel might freely spread - 3:1.
 - b. Prayer that Paul might be delivered from the unbelievers - 3:2.
2. **Paul's expression of confidence in the Thessalonians - 3:3-5.**
 - a. The Lord's faithfulness in guarding the Thessalonians - 3:3.
 - b. Paul's confidence that the Thessalonians will remain faithful - 3:4,5.



B. A WARNING AGAINST IDLENESS - 3:6-18.

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- a. The problems of idleness and meddlesomeness - 3:6-9.
- b. The corrective action to be taken - 3:10-15.

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- a. Paul's benediction - 3:16.
- b. Paul's signature - 3:17.
- c. Concluding prayer - 3:18.