



# 1 THESSALONIANS

Holiness Love Future Hope

FOLLOWING JESUS PRODUCES A COUNTER-CULTURAL (HOLY) WAY OF LIFE...

...THAT RESPONDS TO HOSTILITY WITH LOVE & GENEROSITY.  
 ...THAT IS MOTIVATED BY HOPE IN THE COMING KINGDOM OF JESUS.

**1-3 A CELEBRATION OF FAITHFULNESS**

**1:6-10 THE THESSALONIANS' CONVERSION**  
 YOU TURNED AWAY FROM IDOLS TO SERVE THE LIVING & TRUE GOD, AND ARE WAITING FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S SON FROM HEAVEN. (1:9-10)

**1:1-5 THANKSGIVING PRAYER**  
 I THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE!

**2:1-12 PAUL'S MISSION IN THESSALONICA**  
 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS & LOVING SERVICE.

**3:11-13 PRAYER FOR ENDURANCE**  
 MAY GOD INCREASE YOUR LOVE, HOLINESS, & HOPE!

**2:13-16 THEIR COMMON PERSECUTION**  
 THEIR SUFFERING IS A WAY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE STORY OF JESUS.

**2:17-3:10 PAUL'S ANGUISH...**  
 THE THESSALONIANS ARE SUFFERING!  
 SEND TIMOTHY!  
 I'M ON IT!  
 ...& TIMOTHY'S DISCOVERY  
 WE'RE GOING STRONG!  
 AND WE MISS PAUL!

**4-5 A CHALLENGE TO GROW**

**4:1-8 HOLINESS & SEXUAL PURITY**  
 FOLLOWING JESUS' TEACHINGS ON SEX & MARRIAGE (MATTHEW 5:27-32, 19:1-12)

**4:9-12 COMMITMENT TO LOVE & SERVICE**  
 WORKING HARD SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS TO OTHERS (SEE 2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13)

**5:23-28 PRAYER OF HOPE**  
 MAY GOD KEEP YOU HOLY AS YOU AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS.

**4:13-18 FUTURE HOPE OF JESUS' RETURN**  
 WHAT'S THEIR FATE WHEN JESUS RETURNS?  
 THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE MESSIAH WILL RISE. (4:16)

**PEACE & SECURITY!**  
 COMPARED WITH CAESAR'S ARRIVAL MET BY HIS DELEGATES, JESUS' ARRIVAL MET BY HIS PEOPLE. (4:17)

**5:1-11 THIS HOPE SHOULD MOTIVATE FAITHFULNESS**  
 THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL BRING THEIR SUDDEN RUIN... (5:2-3)  
 ...SO LIVE IN THE PRESENT AS IF THAT DAY IS ALREADY HERE. (5:4)

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