



WHO?

(author)

1 THESSALONIANS

Key Verse – 3:13 and 5:23

Key Words –*faith, gospel, suffering/affliction, the coming of the Lord*

WHAT?

(title)

WHY

written?

Chap. 1 –

Chap. 2 –

Chap. 3 –

Chap. 4 –

Chap. 5 –

- encouragement (Chap. 1-3)
- instruction (Chap. 4-5)

HOW did

Paul minister?

- personal visit (Acts 17)
- sent Timothy (3:2)
- prayer (1:2, 2:13, 3:10)
- letter (1:1)

TO WHOM?

(recipients)

WHERE?

(author + recipients)

WHEN

written?

- some Jews, many devout Greeks, several leading women (Acts 17:4)
- received the word in much affliction, with joy (1:6)
- examples to all believers in Macedonia, Achaia + beyond (1:7)
- turned to God from idols (1:9)
- accepted gospel message as word of God, not men (2:13)
- suffered at hands of their own countrymen (2:14)
- walking to please God (4:1)
- loving one another + all believers (4:9)
- encouraging + building up one another (5:11)

Paul

- longing to see them (2:17, 3:10)
- in distress + affliction (3:7)
- but comforted thru their faith (3:7)

Thessalonians

- longing to see Paul (3:6)
- facing affliction (3:3-4)
- but standing fast (3:8)

- after a personal visit (1:5,6,9)
- after sending Timothy to find out about their faith (3:2,5)
- after Timothy returned with a good report (3:6)

Paul, Silvanus/Silas + Timothy (1:1)

- declared the gospel amid much conflict from the Jews (2:2)
- entrusted by God with the gospel (2:4)
- worked day + night while proclaiming the gospel (2:9)
- holy, righteous, blameless conduct (2:10)
- torn away from Thessalonians (2:17)
- taught them to walk + please God (4:1-2)
- Paul's custom: went to synagogue first
 - * there for only 3 sabbaths
 - * reasoned with them from the [OT] scriptures (Acts 17:1-3)

Timothy

- son of believing Jewish mother + Greek father (Acts 16:1)
- well spoken of by brothers (Acts 16:2)
- circumcised b/c of ministry to Jews (Acts 16:3)
- sincere faith, first in grandmother Eunice and mother Lois (2 Tim. 1:5)
- knew sacred writings from childhood (2 Tim. 3:15)
- good servant of Christ (1 Tim. 4:6)
- no one else of kindred spirit, genuinely concerned for others' welfare (Phil. 2:20)
- proven worth: served w/ Paul in furthering gospel, like a son serving his father (Phil. 2:22)