



1 Thessalonians

LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SOON RETURN



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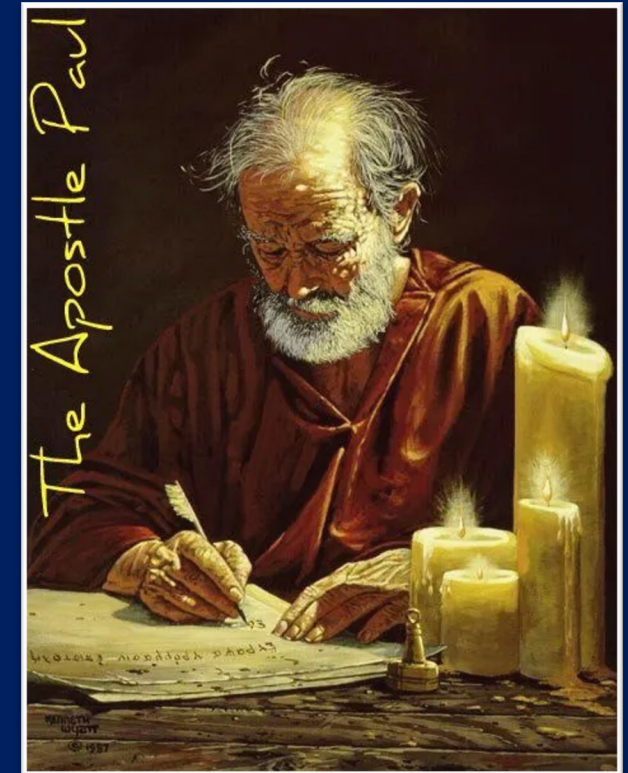
Introductory Matters

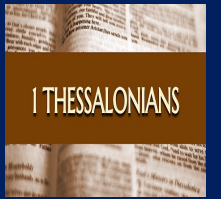


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- Date
- Audience
- Occasion
- Structure
- Unique characteristics
- Purpose
- Message

Structure

1 THESSALONIANS 1-3	1 THESSALONIANS 4-5
■ Personal Experience	■ Practical Exhortation
■ Looking Back	■ Looking Forward





Structure

■ Personal (1–3)

- ◆ Genuine conversion (1)
- ◆ Impure motives (2:1-16)
- ◆ Lack of concern (2:17–3:13)

■ Practical (4–5)

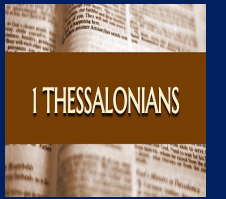
- ◆ Immorality (4:1-8)
- ◆ Laziness (4:9-12)
- ◆ Eschatology (4:13–5:11)
- ◆ Ministry imbalances (5:12-15)
- ◆ Progressive sanctification (5:16-28)

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SCRIPTURE'S FIVE CROWNS

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

Scripture	Crown	Purpose
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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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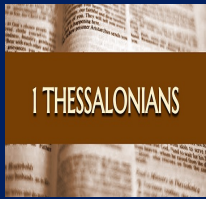


The 7 Churches in Revelation

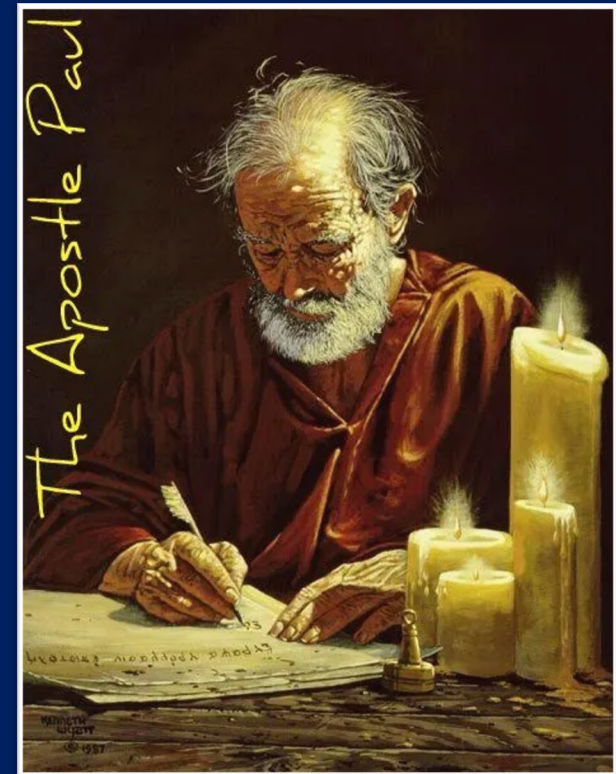
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Unique Characteristics



- Every chapter ends with a reference to the Second Advent
- Small amount of time in between planting of the church and the first letter to the church



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Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)

Escapism

es-cap-ism /ɪ'skeɪ.pɪ.zəm/

(n) The practice of avoiding an unpleasant reality or a difficult or boring situation by distracting the mind towards daydreaming or other activities of entertainment

John 13:19; 14:29

“13:19 From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*...
14:29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.”





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Clear Explanations for Uncertain Times



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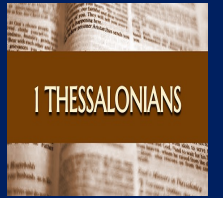
Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10



William Hendriksen

A Commentary on the Gospel of John, 3d ed.
(London: Banner of Truth Trust, 1964), p. 127.



“Many trusted in His name; i.e., because of the manner in which his power was displayed they accepted him as a great prophet and perhaps even as the Messiah. This, however, is not the same as saying that they surrendered their hearts to him. **Not all faith is saving faith...**”

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...”



1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“¹⁴ If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



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