

The Books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

BACKGROUND: Acts 17:1-9

THEME:

KEY VERSES: 1 Thessalonians 5:23
2 Thessalonians 2:13

OUTLINE: 1 Thessalonians

Chapters 1-3 ... REMEMBERING—How They Were Saved

Chapter 1 ... Their Conversion
Chapter 2 ... Paul's Pastoral Ministry
Chapter 3 ... Paul's Pastoral Concerns

Chapters 4-5 ... EXHORTATIONS—How They Should Now Live

Chapter 4:1-12 ... Exhortation to Practical Holiness
Chapter 4:13-18 ... Instruction on the 2nd Coming
Chapter 5:1-22 ... Exhortation For Living in the light of the 2nd Coming
Chapter 5:23-28 ... Encouragement to Holy Living

OUTLINE: 2 Thessalonians

Chapter 1 ... ENCOURAGEMENT in times of Persecution

1:1-5 ... Paul's Holy Boasting
1:6-9 ... God's Holy Vengeance
1:10-12 ... Paul's Ambition and Prayer

Chapter 2 ... EXPLANATION of the timing of the Second Coming

2:1-12 ... The Timing Explained
2:13-17 ... The Waiting Explained

Chapter 3 ... EXHORTATIONS – in light of the Second Coming

3:1-5 ... Pray and Obey
3:6-15 ... Don't Tolerate Disorderliness in the Church
3:16-18 ... Benediction and Closing

★ LESSONS...

#1 – The Lesson of TRUE CONVERSION – 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

#2 – The Lesson of BIBLICAL HOLINESS – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12... 5:5-8

'True holiness does not consist merely in believing and feeling, but of doing and bearing, and a practical exhibition of active and passive grace. Our tongues, our tempers, our natural passions and inclinations—our conduct as parents and children, masters and servants, husbands and wives, rulers and subjects—our dress, our employment of time, our behavior in business, our demeanor in sickness and health, in riches and in poverty... (In other words, holiness is about the particulars of all that we ought to be and do in this life)... It is something of "the image of Christ," which can be seen and observed by others in our private life, and habits, and character, and doing.' – J.C. Ryle

#3 – The Lesson of CHRIST'S SECOND COMING – 1 Thessalonians 5:2

1st – HOW WILL CHRIST COME AGAIN?

- Personally and Bodily – 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Noticeably and Publicly – 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Spectacularly – 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

2nd – WHY IS CHRIST COMING AGAIN?

- To Get His People – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- To Be Glorified in His People – 2 Thessalonians 1:10
- To Punish The Wicked – 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

★ **Jesus is coming to judge the world** – Psalm 96:13

3rd – WHEN WILL CHRIST COMING AGAIN? – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

★ **Applications:** Matthew 25:1-30

- Be Ready!
- Be Busy!