

1 Thessalonians: Live Blameless in Hope of Jesus Return

Key Verse 5:23

Paul Praises the Thessalonians		Be Ready for the Return of Christ	
1:1 Church of Thessalonians	Thessalonians received the gospel	2:1 Entrusted with the gospel	Paul defends himself
1:2 Example in Macedonia		2:9 You are witnesses	
	2:13 You became imitators		
	2:17 You are our glory		
3:1 We sent Timothy	News of the Thessalonians	3:6 Brought us good news	Exhortation to live and please God
		3:11 Abound in love	
4:1 Will of God/sanctification		4:9 Love one another	
	4:13 Dead in Christ rise	Concerns of the 2 nd Coming	
5:1 Thief in the night			
5:12 Hold fast	Hold fast to that which is good		
5:23 God sanctify you wholly			
5:25 Read to all			

When was church planted?

50 AD (2nd MJ)

When Written?

soon after, 50 - 51 AD

Who wrote and why?

Paul wrote it, to encourage them in their faith; how to live until the 2nd coming. Also as a defense against accusations

Main Idea?

Hope in the 2nd Coming - to endure persecutions and live godly

Distinguishing characteristic?

Deals with when the 2nd Coming will happen and what happens to dead

Historical Background?

Their faith was strong in persecution, but they were afraid the dead missed the 2nd Coming. Young church; Paul was run out of town by Jews only after a few weeks