“A Church is Born”

“Be Ready - A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians”

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Acts 17:1-9

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Introduction:

A. One of the main themes that Paul addressed in 1 & 2 Thessalonians is the ________ ________ of Christ.

B. In this series, we will be talking about the fact that the _____ is _______ and that we must be ________.

C. It appears that 1 & 2 Thessalonians were Paul’s _____ letters.

D. In our study, we will discover that these letters were written to real ______, who had real _________, and were facing real ________.

I. The Background

A. Thessalonica was a commercial center for two reasons: (1) it was a ________, and (2) it was on the ________ Way (east/west highway).

B. Paul began his ministry in Thessalonica in the ________.

C. Paul likely stayed longer than the _______ Sabbaths Luke mentioned.

D. As we consider the background of the birth of the church in Thessalonica, let’s ponder a few helpful lessons:

1. We are reminded of the fact that God _____ ________.

2. We are reminded of the fact that the ________ is ___________.

3. We are reminded of the fact that _______ opposes God’s ______.

II. The Burden

A. Paul was concerned for the young church and wrote for these reasons:

1. To assure them of his ________

2. To ground them in ____________

3. To point them toward ____________

4. To correct some ____________

III. The Blessing

A. Each New Testament letter has a special ________ or ________.

B. As we understand the message of 1 &2 Thessalonians we should:

1. Receive __________ for the future.

2. Receive __________ for witnessing and walking with God.

3. Receive __________ in the loss of our loved ones.

4. Receive __________ in an unstable and unsure world.