

Be Ready - A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

“A Church is Born”

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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.

Answer Key: Intro. A. Second, Coming. B. end, near, ready. C. first. D. people, questions, problems. I.A. seaport, Egnatian. I.B. synagogue. I.C. three. I.D.1. uses, people. I.D.2. Gospel, powerful. I.D.3. Satan, work. II.A.1. love. II.A.2. doctrine. II.A.3. holiness. II.A.4. weaknesses. III.A. message, blessing. III.B.1. assurance. III.B.2. encouragement. III.B.3. comfort. III.B.4. stability.