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1 Thessalonians: 82 Questions and Answers



1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 1

1. Who are Paul, Silas, and Timothy?

Paul, Silas, and Timothy are the authors of this letter, all prominent leaders and missionaries in the early Christian church.

2. To whom is this letter written?

This letter is written to the church in Thessalonica, which was a community of believers in God through Jesus Christ.

3. What is the main greeting the letter gives?

The letter offers a greeting of "grace and peace" to the Thessalonians from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. What do the authors give thanks for regarding the Thessalonians?

They give thanks for the Thessalonians' "work of faith, labor of love, and patient hope."

5. What does the letter say about the Thessalonians' belief?

It affirms that their belief in God is genuine and recognized by Him.

6. How did the gospel impact the Thessalonians?

The gospel came to them not just in words but also with power, the Holy Spirit, and deep conviction.

7. What difficult experience did the Thessalonians go through?

They received the message of God amidst much affliction and suffering.

8. How did their response to the gospel affect others?

Their example of faith inspired and became well-known to other believers in the region.

9. What key change occurred in the Thessalonians' lives?

They turned away from idols to serve the true and living God.

10. What are the Thessalonians waiting for?

They are waiting for Jesus, God's Son, to return from heaven.

1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 2

About the Apostle's Visit and Ministry

1. The Apostle states their visit was not in vain. What does this mean?

It means their time and efforts spent with the believers were fruitful and accomplished their intended purpose.

2. What difficult experiences did the apostles face before coming to Thessalonica?

They had previously suffered and were shamefully treated at Philippi.

3. Despite facing opposition, what did the apostles do?

They were bold in their God to declare the gospel, even amidst much opposition.

4. Were the apostles' words or actions deceptive?

No, their exhortation was not from deceit, nor uncleanness, nor guile.

5. To whom were the apostles accountable for their message?

They spoke as they were allowed to be entrusted with the gospel by God, not to please men, but God.

6. Did the apostles flatter people to gain favor?

No, they did not come with flattering words or a pretext for greed.

7. Did the apostles try to gain glory from the Thessalonians?

No, they did not seek glory from men, neither from the Thessalonians nor from others.

8. Could the apostles have demanded special treatment as Christ's apostles?

Yes, they acknowledge they could have made such demands.

9. How did the apostles behave towards the Thessalonians?

They were gentle among them, like a nurse caring for her own children.

10. What did the apostles willingly impart to the believers?

They were willing to impart not only the gospel but also their own lives because they had great love for them.

11. How did the apostles support themselves while ministering to the Thessalonians?

They labored night and day, working hard so as not to be an expense to any of them.

12. How did the apostles describe their behavior among the believers?

They described it as pure, upright, and blameless.

13. What roles did the apostles fulfill in their interactions with the believers?

They exhorted, comforted, and commanded every one of them, like a father does his own children.

14. What was the purpose of the apostles' exhortation and commands?

It was so the believers would walk in a

manner worthy of God, who had called them to His kingdom and glory.

About the Thessalonians' Response

15. How did the Thessalonians receive the word of God from the apostles?

They received it not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God.

16. What is the effect of the word of God when received properly?

It effectively works in those who believe.

17. Who did the Thessalonians become followers of?

They became followers of the churches of God in Judea, who are in Christ Jesus.

18. What difficult experiences did the Thessalonians face?

They suffered the same things from their own countrymen as the churches in Judea had suffered from the Jews.

About Opposition to the Gospel

19. Who persecuted the apostles and the early believers?

The Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and who also persecuted the apostles.

20. What were these persecutors preventing?

They were forbidding the apostles to speak to the Gentiles so that they might be saved.

21. What is the consequence for those who oppose God's message and people?

They do not please God, are contrary to all men, and wrath has come upon them to the extreme.

About the Apostles' Desire to Return

22. Why were the apostles separated from the Thessalonians?

They were taken from them for a short time in presence, but not in heart.

23. What was the apostles' strong desire regarding their separation?

They endeavored all the more abundantly to see the Thessalonians' faces with great desire.

24. What prevented the apostles from coming to visit?

Satan hindered them.

25. What do the apostles consider their greatest hope and joy?

The Thessalonians themselves, as their crown of rejoicing in the presence of Christ at His coming.

1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 3

1. Who wrote this passage and to whom is it addressed?

The apostle Paul (with his companion Silas) writes to the believers in Thessalonica.

2. Why did Paul say “we could no longer endure it”?

The hardships of ministry and persecution became so intense that Paul felt compelled to leave Athens and send a trusted companion instead.

3. Who is Timothy and why was he sent?

Timothy is a close brother-in-Christ and co-worker with Paul; he was sent to encourage, teach, and check on the Thessalonian faith.

4. What does “afflictions” refer to in this context?

It denotes the trials, persecutions, and suffering that the early Christians were experiencing.

5. Why was Paul concerned about the “tempter” tempting the Thessalonians?

He feared that ongoing hardships might lead believers to doubt or abandon the gospel, rendering his and Timothy’s work ineffective.

6. What does Paul mean by “your faith and love” as good news?

Timothy reported that the Thessalonians were steadfast in belief and showing genuine Christian love toward one another.

7. How does Paul describe his own hope for the Thessalonians?

He says he lives only if they remain strong in

the Lord, indicating his deep spiritual connection to their perseverance.

8. What is the purpose of Paul’s “night and day” prayers?

He earnestly prays to see them again and to help perfect any areas where their faith may be weak.

9. What does “increase and abound in love for one another and for all men” imply?

Paul urges the believers to grow in mutual love and extend that love universally, reflecting Christ’s example.

10. What is the ultimate goal of “establishing your hearts to be blameless in holiness”?

It is to prepare the Thessalonians for the return of Jesus, living lives that are pure and pleasing to God.

1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 4

1: What is the main advice given at the beginning of this passage?

Believers are urged to excel more and more in how they live and please God, building on what they've already learned.

2: What is God's will for believers, according to this text?

God's will for believers is their sanctification, meaning to be set apart for a holy and pure life.

3: What specific command is given regarding sexual behavior?

Believers should abstain from sexual immorality and learn to control their own bodies in a holy and honorable way.

4: Why shouldn't believers behave like people who don't know God?

People who don't know God often live in lust and depravity, but believers are called to a higher standard of sanctification and honor.

5: What does it mean to "possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor"?

It means to control one's body and desires with purity and respect, avoiding sinful lusts.

6: Why are believers warned against taking advantage of or defrauding their brothers?

The Lord is the avenger in such matters, meaning He will bring justice for those who are wronged by deceit.

7: What is the ultimate purpose of God's call for us?

God has called us to holiness, not to uncleanness, so we should live pure lives.

8: What happens if someone despises these commands?

Despising these commands is not just despising a person, but despising God Himself, who has given us His Holy Spirit.

9: What is said about brotherly love?

Believers are taught by God to love one another

and are encouraged to increase in this love even more.

10: What practical advice is given for daily living and work?

Believers should aim to be calm, conduct their own business, and work with their own hands.

11: Why is it important for believers to work hard and live orderly lives?

So they can act honorably towards non-believers and not be dependent on others.

12: What is the main message about those who have died ("asleep")?

Believers should not grieve without hope, because those who have died in Christ will be brought with Jesus when He returns.

13: What specific events will occur when the Lord Jesus returns?

The Lord will descend with a shout, the dead in Christ will rise first, and then living believers will be caught up to meet Him in the air.

14: Will those who are alive at Christ's coming go before those who have died?

No, those who are alive will not precede those who have died in Christ; the dead will rise first.

15: How should believers use these words about Christ's return?

Believers should comfort one another with these hopeful words regarding the Lord's coming and the promised reunion with loved ones.

1 THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 5

About the Day of the Lord:

1. What is significant about the "day of the Lord"?

The day of the Lord is a future event that will come suddenly and unexpectedly.

2. How will the day of the Lord arrive?

It will come "like a thief in the night," meaning without warning.

3. What will happen when people say "Peace and safety!"?

Sudden destruction will come upon them at that moment.

4. Why shouldn't believers be surprised by the day of the Lord?

Because they are "sons of light" and are meant to be alert, not caught unaware.

Living as Believers:

5. What does it mean to be "sons of light"?

It means to live in God's truth and be awake to spiritual realities.

6. How should believers live in light of the coming day?

They should be alert and sober, not sleeping like others do.

7. What spiritual armor should believers put on?

They should wear the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of hope of salvation.

8. Why are believers not appointed to wrath but to salvation?

Because Jesus Christ died for them, securing their salvation.

9. What is the purpose of Jesus dying for us?

So that we can live with Him, whether we are awake or asleep.

10. How should believers encourage each other?

By comforting and edifying one another.

Relationships and Community:

11. How should believers treat their spiritual leaders?

They should acknowledge, esteem them highly in love, and be at peace with them.

12. What specific actions are believers encouraged to take towards each other?

Warn the unruly, comfort the faint-hearted, support the weak, and be patient with everyone.

13. How should believers respond to evil?

They should not render evil for evil, but always seek to do good.

Practicing Faith:

14. What are some key attitudes and actions believers are commanded to practice?

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything.

15. What are believers told to do with prophecies?

They should not despise them but examine all things and hold onto what is good.

16. What should believers abstain from?

They should abstain from all "appearances of evil."

Prayer and Blessing:

17. What is prayed for the believers in verse 23?

That God would sanctify them completely and preserve them blameless.

18. Who is responsible for the believers' sanctification?

God, who is faithful and will also do it.

19. What request is made of the brothers?

That they pray for the sender of the letter.

20. How should believers greet each other?

With a "holy kiss."

21. What is the final instruction regarding the letter?

It must be read to all the holy brothers.

22. What is the closing blessing?

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."