

# 1 Thessalonians

(see also Acts 17:1-14)



**Background:** Paul planted the church. After Paul left, persecutions came. He didn't know if they'd persevere. Timothy is able to visit and brings back a good report. Paul writes this letter in response to Timothy's report.

### Major Themes:

- Lovefest
- Relationship in Jesus
- Perseverance and Preservation through Suffering
- Hope in the Resurrection on the Last Day through Jesus' Resurrection
- Live Out Who You Are (sanctification flowing from justification)

### Chapter 1

- (1) Greeting—first things first
- (2-3) Faith, Hope, and Love
- (4-5) Chosen/preached gospel/Holy Spirit
- (6-8) Lived faith → public witness
- (9) Reputation for repentance
- (10) Hope in resurrection of Jesus / waiting for the Last Day

### Chapter 2

- (1-6) Witness, even in challenge, is a given
- (7-8) Lovefest
- (9-12) Love and labor and a life consistent with the message
- (13-16) Glory to God, Vengeance is God's, our suffering is in Christ

### Chapter 3

- (1-5) Suffering is normal and to be expected (but still scary)
- (6-10) Relief, comfort, glory to God, longing to be together
- **(11-13) Relationship in Jesus, Living in Holiness**

### Chapter 4

- (1-8) “Finally, then...” Live out the faith
- (9-12) Lovefest, keep working
- (13-18) Encourage one another in this teaching/truth/hope/promise of resurrection

### Chapter 5

- (1-5) The End is real, don't worry about it.
- (6-11) Keep working, salvation is coming, Christ died for us. Encourage one another.
- (12-13) Respect your [church] leaders
- (14-28) Takeaways, in conclusion: love, work, pray, be holy, wait for Jesus.