

# 1 THESSALONIANS

The first letter to the church of Thessalonica was written by \_\_\_\_\_ (ch1:1, 2:18) from Corinth. He founded the church on his \_\_\_\_\_ missionary journey. He arrives in Thessalonica and see's several come to Christ in a very short amount of time. This causes an uproar and eventually Paul and his companions flee the city for their safety. The historical account is found in Acts 17:1-10. Thessalonica would become the capitol city of Macedonia. Located on a major highway it became a hub for political and commercial activity. Paul had to flee the church in Thessalonica and \_\_\_\_\_ has brought him a report about the church, how well they were doing and even some of the issues they were facing both doctrinally and with persecution. This letter was his response.

## **Chapter 1**

Paul opens the letter with a greeting that recognizes the \_\_\_\_\_, love and hope of the church (v1-5). He then reflects on their \_\_\_\_\_ experience and the \_\_\_\_\_ that followed it (v6-10)

## **Chapter 2**

In (v1-12) Paul uses a familial metaphor to describe their \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ to the church. In (v13-16) he reassures them that the persecution they are facing, has been also faced by their \_\_\_\_\_ in other places. Lastly in (v17-20) Paul laments how much he desired to see them but was providentially hindered by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Chapter 3**

In (v1-5) Paul rehearses how this letter came about. They had sent \_\_\_\_\_ back to Thessalonica to check and see how the church was doing. Then he flip the script and tells about the report Timothy \_\_\_\_\_, concerning how the church was doing (v6-9). Paul then let's them know \_\_\_\_\_ he is praying for them (v10-13).

### **Chapter 4**

He opens this chapter by challenging them to \_\_\_\_\_ according to what they have \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord (v1-12). Then he closes the chapter with an exhortation about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (v13-18) The two are doubtlessly \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Chapter 5**

Paul makes some statements about the “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord” (v1-11) Paul ends the first letter with a benediction and instructions on things the church \_\_\_\_\_ going forward (v12-28).