

Interesting Facts About 1 Thessalonians

AUTHOR: Paul

TIME WRITTEN: A.D. 51 from Corinth

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 52nd Book in the Bible
- 13th Book in the New Testament
- 8th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 1st of Paul's 13 books
- 14 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 4

VERSES: 89

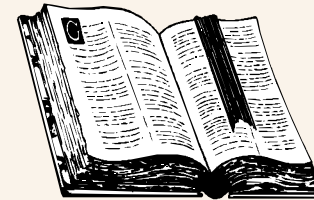
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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 1 THESSALONIANS:

- Not only is 1 Thessalonians the first of two letters to the church at Thessalonica, it is Paul's first letter period.
 - 2 Thessalonians would be his 2nd letter.
 - Thus, Paul's first two letters were written to Thessalonica.
- Paul established the congregation at Thessalonica during his 2nd missionary journey, and remained there for about one month.
- After Paul's forced separation from the Thessalonians, he grows increasingly concerned about the progress of their young faith.
 - Upon hearing of their progress from Timothy, he writes 1 Thessalonians.
 - In 1 Thessalonians, Paul:
 - Commends the Thessalonian brethren for remaining steadfast under some difficult afflictions.
 - Exhorts them to excel in their Christian walk.
 - Consoles them concerning Christian loved one who have died.

- Paul encourage the Thessalonica brethren:
 - To increase brotherly love
 - To rejoice
 - To pray
 - To give thanks always
- In Paul's salutation to the brethren at Thessalonica:
 - He uses the customary Greek, "grace."
 - He uses the customary Hebrew, "peace."
- In writing to the church at Thessalonica, Paul deals with the subject of the 2nd coming of Christ.
 - It is mentioned in 23 of the 27 New Testament books.
 - Of 7,959 verses in the New Testament, at least 370 of them refer to the 2nd coming of Christ.
 - 1 Out of every 21 verses in the New Testament touches on the subject of the Lord's return.
- The city of Thessalonica.
 - Capital of the Roman province of Macedonia.
 - A prominent seaport city.
 - Situated on the great northern military highway from Rome to the east.
 - Located 100 miles west of Philippi.



"Test all things; hold fast what is good."
1 Thessalonians 5:21