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
WORDS: 1,875

1 Thessalonians

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 1 THESALONIANS:
- 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.
- 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