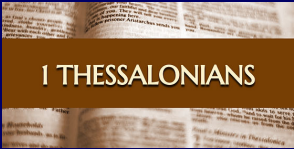


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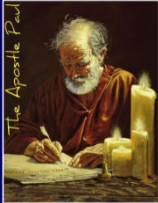
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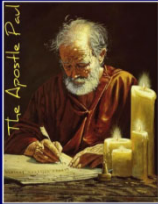
- 1:1; 2:18
- Acts 17-18
- NT scholarship



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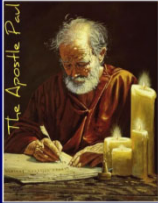
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Thessalonica

- 1:1
- Chief seaport of Macedonia
- Received status as a free city in 42 B.C.



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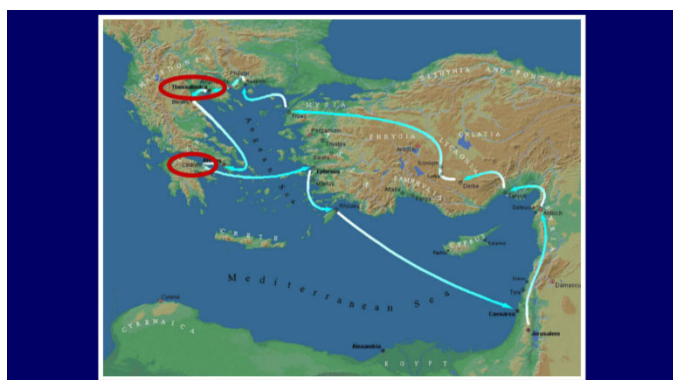
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Presumed Knowledge	
Trinity	1:1, 5-6
Holy Spirit	1:5-6; 4:8; 5:19
Second Advent	1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:14-17; 5:23
Day of the Lord	5:1-3
Eschatology	2 Thess 2:5
Assurance	1:5
Conversion	1:9
Election	1:4
Resurrection	4:14-18
Sanctification	4:3; 5:23
Christian behavior	2:12; 4:1

Adapted from Scofield Study Bible, 1640

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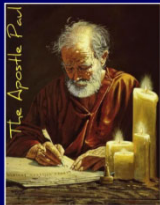
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Date

- A.D. 51
- Paul's second letter



The Apostle Paul


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Paul's Ministry Chronology				
# of books	Journey	Acts	Date	Books
1	1	13-14	48-49	Gal
2	2	15:36-18:22	50-52	1-2 Thess
3	3	18:23-21:17	53-57	1-2 Cor, Rom
4	4	28:16-31	60-62	Eph, Col, Phlm, Philp
2	Between Imprisonments	Post Acts	62-66	1 Tim, Titus
1	2 nd Imprisonment	Post Acts	67	2 Tim

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Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1-2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1-2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians (A.D. 60-62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62-66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)



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Audience

- Believers – 1:3
- Some Jews – Acts 17:2, 4, 12
- Mostly gentile – 1:9




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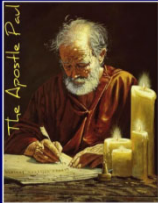
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Occasion


- Under persecution
- *Ad hominem* attack against Paul
- Other problems



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Structure

- Personal (1-3)
 - ◆ Genuine conversion (1)
 - ◆ Impure motives (2:1-16)
 - ◆ Lack of concern (2:17-3:13)

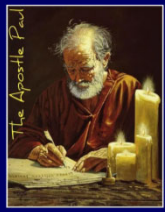
- Practical (4-5)
 - ◆ Immorality (4:1-8)
 - ◆ Laziness (4:9-12)
 - ◆ Eschatology (4:13-5:11)
 - ◆ Ministry imbalances (5:12-15)
 - ◆ Progressive sanctification (5:16-28)



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Structure

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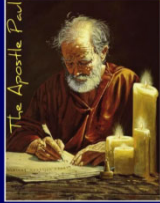
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Unique Characteristics


- Every chapter ends with a reference to the Second Advent
- Small amount of time in between planting of the church and the first letter to the church




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BIBLICAL PROPHECY: IMPORTANCE

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Pet 1:19



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J. Dwight Pentecost
Prophecy For Today, Page 20

“A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck a new with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living.”

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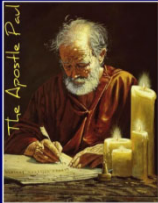
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Purpose


- Continued spiritual growth despite persecution from the unbelieving Jews



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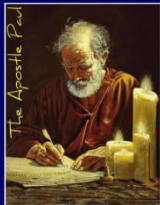
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Message

- Continued growth in faith, hope, and love in view of the Lord's imminent return




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