

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR 1 THESSALONIANS LESSON 1 (CHAPTERS 1-2)

1. Where in the New Testament can one find the background information regarding the beginning of the church in Thessalonica?
2. When Paul went into a city, it was his custom to go to a certain place to “reason from the Scripture.” What was that place?
3. In 1 Thessalonians, Paul repeatedly uses the phrase “just as you know.” Why?
4. In 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Paul speaks about three things in regard to the Christians in Thessalonica. What are those three things?
5. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, the people in Thessalonica had “turned from” something. What was that “something”?
6. When Paul refers to the “patience of hope” that the Christians in Thessalonica possessed, to what did that refer?
7. Explain the point that James was making in James 2:14-17.
8. What did Paul mean when he wrote: “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake” (1 Thess. 1:5)?
9. In question #8 above, what did Paul mean when he said that the Gospel had come to them “in power”?
10. Word about the strong faith possessed by the Christians in Thessalonica had spread to other places. Name two of those places.
11. According to 2 Corinthians 7:10, part of “repentance” is godly sorrow. What is the other part?
12. Paul closes each chapter of 1 Thessalonians by addressing a specific topic. What is that topic?
13. What did Paul mean when he wrote, “Our coming to you was not in vain” (1 Thess. 2:1)?
14. According to Ecclesiastes 12:13, what is the “whole duty” (or “all”) of man?
15. What do we learn about Paul’s character from 1 Thessalonians 2:7?
16. When Paul said that he had labored and toiled while in Thessalonica, so as “not to be a burden” to the church there (1 Thess. 2:9), what did he mean?
17. The Christians in Thessalonica had a “work of faith” that caused them to do something. What was that “something”?