



**Class 10 ~ 1 and 2 Thessalonians
Homework for the week of 10.30~11.05**

Videos we watched in class

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-thessalonians/>

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/2-thessalonians/>

Homework

Everyday: pray that the Lord will give you eyes to see, mind to comprehend, and heart to change to His likeness. Ask Him to reveal to you through the power of the Holy Spirit what He wants you to know about Him and His word.

Day 1

If you have a study Bible, read the introductions to the 2 letters.

These were Paul's first two letters written in AD 51.

You can find Thessalonica on your map of Paul's 2nd journey.

Read the background on the church in Acts 17:1-9 and summarize it here.

What does Acts 17: 10-17 add to the story?

Paul's purpose in writing 1 and 2 Thessalonians was very similar. What was it?

What is eschatology?

What is "The Day of the Lord"?

The two letters are often designated as the eschatological letters of Paul so what do you expect to learn from his writing?

Day 2

Read chapter 1 of 1 Thessalonians and describe the relationship Paul has with the new converts in Thessalonica.

Opposition to Paul from the Jews was particularly strong. They were saying that Paul was not credible and was passing his message off to a gullible public.

Read chapter 2: 1-12

How does Paul defend his credibility?

What does he say about his teaching and his message?

Timothy was sent to visit the Thessalonians. Read his report in chapter 3 and list some ways that Paul was encouraged by what he heard.

Day 3

The second coming of the Lord permeates this letter. How does Paul reference this in each of these passages and what do you think his reason was? All of these are in 1 Thessalonians.

1:9-10

2:19-20

3:13

4:13-18

5:23-24

Read chapters 4 and 5.

Some of the Thessalonians seem to have misunderstood Paul and thought all believers would live until Christ returns. When some died, the question arose, "Will those who have died have a part in that great day?"

How does Paul answer that question in 4:13-18? Paul says to encourage each other with these words.

Day 4

Watch the video from The Bible Project: The Day of the Lord

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/day-lord/>

What does Babylon represent?

What is the relationship between the Day of the Lord and Babylon as it unfolds from Genesis to Revelation?

What is the real evil that Jesus resisted? How did He overcome evil?

What is the invitation and the promise found in the anticipation of The Day of The Lord? What does your own participation in Jesus' new Jerusalem look like in terms of your present identity and your belief about the future?

DAY 5

Read 2 Thessalonians: Chapters 1-3

Paul is such a prayer warrior. Note all the ways he prays, is thankful for the faith of the Thessalonians, and requests prayer from them.

In chapter 2 Paul gives further instruction about The Day of the Lord: the day when Christ will come again.

As you read this, just some reminders:

“the man of lawlessness” (vs 3) is the Anti-Christ;

“sets himself up in God’s temple” (vs 4) is the new temple in Jerusalem that will be built where the Dome of the Rock now stands

“What is holding him back” (vs 6) is the Holy Spirit’s work through the followers of Christ defined as the church

“Taken out of the way” (vs 7) by the rapture

“Overthrow with the breath of his mouth” (vs 8) at the battle of Armageddon

Paul’s final instructions in both books contains good advice for us today.

1Thessalonians 5:12-22 and in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-14. What are some of those actions found here or throughout the letters?

As you conclude your study this week, what are some things that have strengthened your faith, given you new ways to pray, or hope for your future as a Christ follower? Write those here and then pray that the Lord will give you an opportunity to share them.

Extra credit:

Read the passages referred to in our video concerning prophecy of the Day of the Lord.

Isaiah 13 -14

Daniel 7-12