

1 Thessalonians chapter 1

In verse 3 Paul mentions three Christian virtues: faith, love, and hope; what do these virtues produce in the lives of the Thessalonians? Could it be said that work, labor, and endurance produce faith, love, and hope? Does work produce faith, or does faith produce work?

How could Paul tell that God has chosen the saints of Thessalonika [4-6]? People everywhere were talking about the Christians at Thessalonika – why [7-10]?

1 Thessalonians chapter 4

Paul writes more than once about the believers being sanctified or becoming holy. In verses 3-7 what is holy living primarily associated with?

What phrase from verse 1 is repeated in verse 10? What is different between the first and the second instance?

Verses 1-8	Negative: do not do these	Selfish
Verses 9-12	Positive: do these more	Others

Verses 13-18 describe some very dramatic events, when did they or when will they occur?

1 Thessalonians chapter 5

When, according to Paul, will be “the day of the Lord”? Will it be an event to be dreaded in fear, or one to be eagerly anticipated? What must believers do to prepare for that day?

Paul includes several commands here, how many of them are directed toward caring for the poor, widowed, orphaned, or the disadvantaged? How often did Jesus give those kinds of commands?

How does one become holy [23]? In what way(s) is this process different from 4:3?

Next week: 2 Thessalonians chapters 1, 2, and 3