

1 Thessalonians

Week 1 Introduction to the Letter and the City.

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The Book of 1 Thessalonians was written sometime between AD 50-52. It was written from the city of Corinth to the church at Thessalonica in Macedonia. The occasion for the writing was the persecution the Thessalonians were going through and the confusion they had concerning the end times. Paul wanted to encourage the believers and have them look to the Lord's return.

The city was founded in 315 BC and named after Alexander the Great's half sister, Thessalonike who was married to the king of Macedon. When Paul went to Thessalonica on his second missionary journey, it was a trading hub in the Roman Empire with

about 200,000 people residing there. Paul's 1st visit is recorded in Acts 17:1-9. What are your thoughts about this visit?

Key Verses: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 What comes to your mind first when reading these verses? .

Greetings and Thanksgiving: 1:1-3

Note: "in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ". _____ Jesus is Lord. _____

Romans 10:9-13 _____

The Apostle and his team were always thankful for them. Why? _____

They always prayed for them. 1 Sam. 12:22-25 _____

What was the content of their prayer for them in verse 3?

Work produced by _____.

Labor prompted by _____.

Endurance inspired by _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonian Church had developed a wonderful reputation throughout the Christian community for their constancy in follow Christ. May we have that same reputation as individuals, families and as a church.