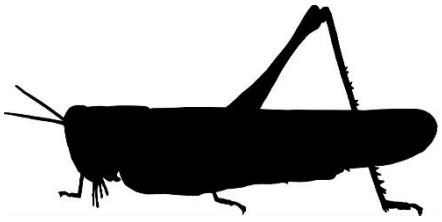


The Book of 1 Thessalonians

“Life in Christ
until HE Returns”



1 Thessalonians 1:1

“Biblical Discipleship”



Matthew 28: 18–20 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven
and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples
of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have
commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Acts 1: 8 (NKJV)

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



Outline:

1. Teachers of Christ (Paul, Silvanus, Timothy)

2. Students of Christ (Believers at Thessalonica)

3. Students becoming Teachers (Thessalonian Church)



1 Thessalonians 1: 1 (NKJV)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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- Paul
- Silvanus
- Timothy



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2. Student (Galatians 1: 15-18)

3. Teacher (Acts 11: 19-26)



Acts 9: 3–6 (NKJV)

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”



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Galatians 1: 15–18 (NKJV)

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

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Acts 11: 19–26 (NKJV)

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

1- Teachers of Christ (Paul, Silvanus, Timothy)

- **Silvanus**

1. Saved (Acts 1: 15 cf. Acts 15: 22)

2. Student (Acts 15: 22)

3. Teacher (Acts 15: 32)



Acts 1: 15 (NKJV)

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,



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2. Student (Acts 15: 22)

3. Teacher (Acts 15: 32)



Acts 15: 22 (NKJV)

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.



Acts 1: 21–23 (NKJV)

21 “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

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Acts 15: 32 (NKJV)

32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words.



1- Teachers of Christ (Paul, Silvanus, Timothy)

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Acts 15: 39–16: 2 (NKJV)

39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. 1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

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2- Students of Christ (Believers at Thessalonica)

- **The Salvation of the Thessalonians**
- The Growth of the Thessalonians
- The Goal for the Thessalonians



Acts 17: 1–4 (NKJV)

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” 4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Places Paul Visited



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1 Thessalonians 1: 9–10 (NKJV)

9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.



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1 Thessalonians 1: 5–8 (NKJV)

5 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. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

3- Students becoming Teachers (Thessalonian Church)

- **Themes in 1 Thessalonians:**

- Thanksgiving for their Salvation (1: 2-6; 2: 13)
- Applause for their Evangelization (1: 7-8)
- Encouragement for their Sanctification (3: 9-4: 3a; 5: 23-24)
- Comfort in their Tribulation (3: 1-4)
- Training for their Education (4: 13-18; 5: 11)



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1 Thessalonians 5:9–11 (NKJV)

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.



Application:



- Are you saved?
- Are you a student?
- Are you a teacher?
- Alternatives are not Biblical Discipleship...