



1 Thessalonians

LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SOON RETURN



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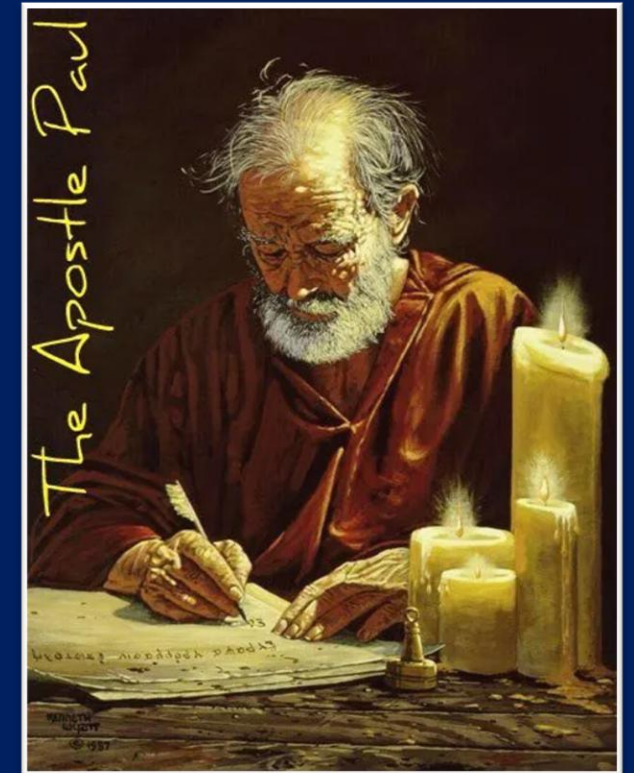
Introductory Matters



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- Audience
- Occasion
- Structure
- Unique characteristics
- Purpose
- Message

Structure

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■ Personal Experience	■ Practical Exhortation
■ Looking Back	■ Looking Forward





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Genuine Conversion? (1 Thess 1)

- Greeting (1:1)
- Faith, hope, and love in Christ (1:2-3)
- Response to the Gospel (1:4-5)
- Joy in the midst of tribulation (1:6)
- Example to those in Macedonia and Achaia (1:7)
- No formal missionary endeavor (1:8-9a)
- Turned from idols (1:9b)
- Eschatological hope (1:10)



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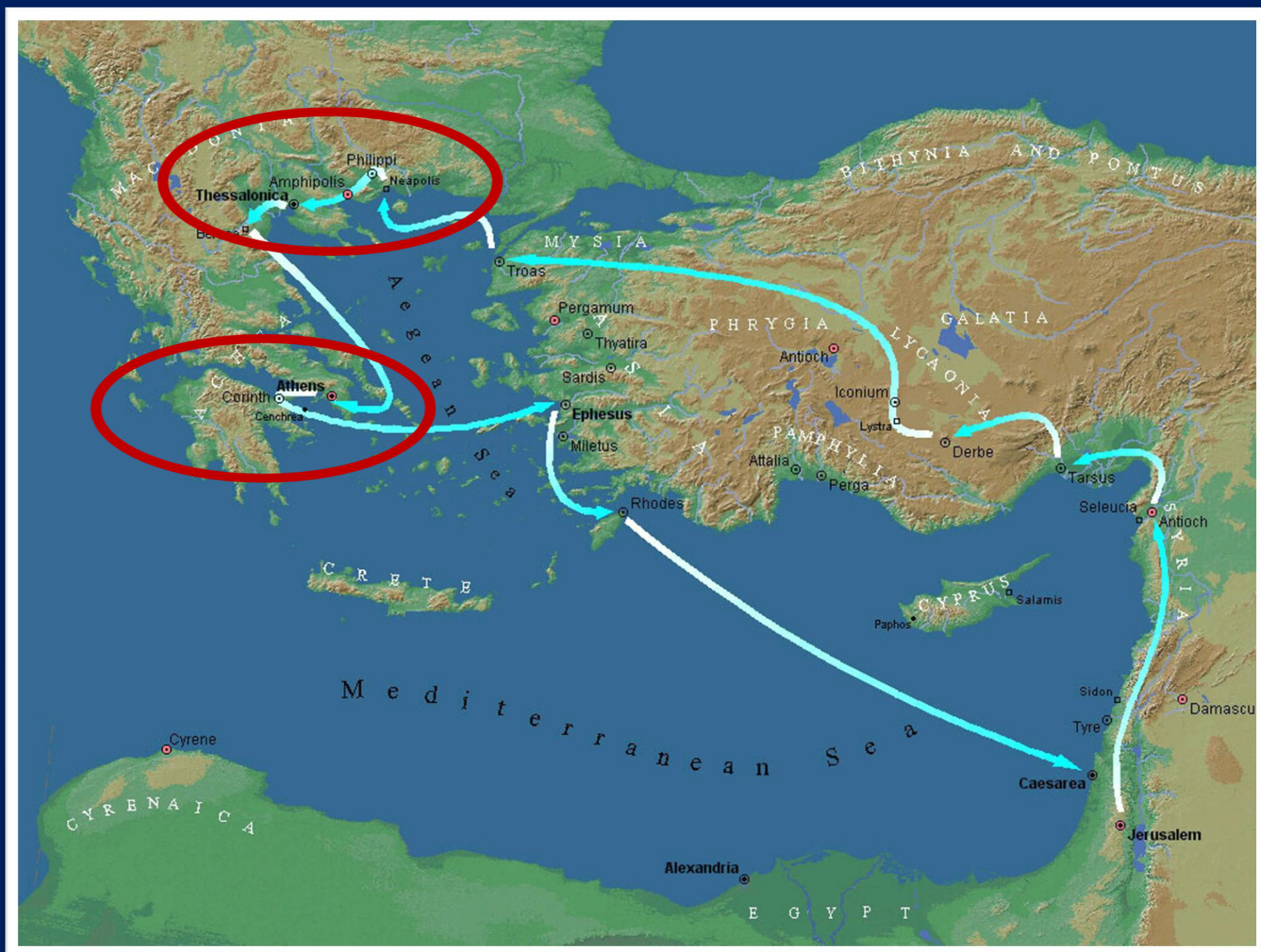
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Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



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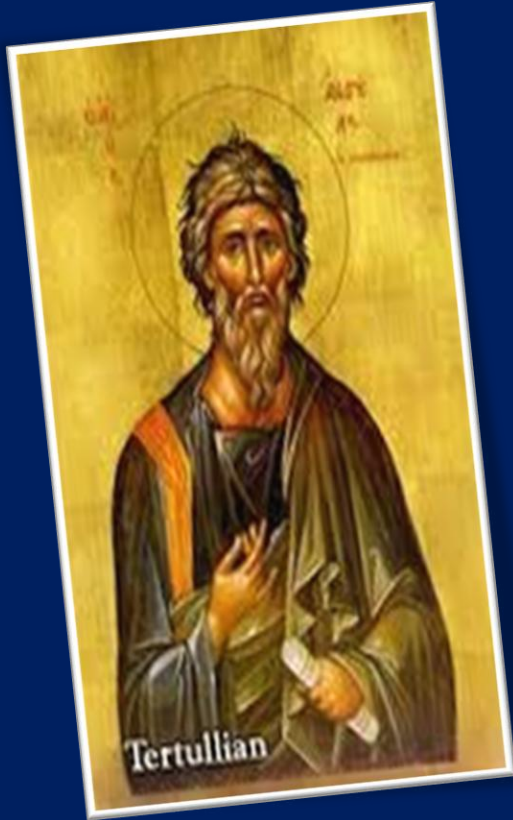
Disciple	Place	Martyrdom
James the Son of Alphaeus	Jerusalem	Clubbed to death
Simon the Zealot	Jerusalem	Martyred
James the Son of Zebedee	Judea (Acts 12:2)	Executed
Thaddeus	Mesopotamia	Beaten to death
Peter	Babylon, Rome	Crucified upside down
Matthew	Parthia (Tehran)	Beheaded

What Happened to Christ's Disciples?

Disciple	Place	Martyrdom
John	Asia Minor, Patmos, Ephesus	Fried in boiling oil
Philip	E. Turkey	Tortured & crucified
Thomas	India	Speared
Bartholomew	India	Flayed & crucified
Andrew	Ukraine, Russia, Greece	Hanged

Tertullian

Prescription Against Heretics, 36



“...where the Apostle John was first plunged, unhurt, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!”





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Genesis 15:16

“Then in the fourth generation they will return here,
for the wrongdoing of the Amorite is not yet complete.”



Romans 2:5

“But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.”



Genesis 6:1-3

“¹ Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, “**My Spirit shall not strive with man forever**, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”



Matthew 24:36-39

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”



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Scripture's Five Crowns

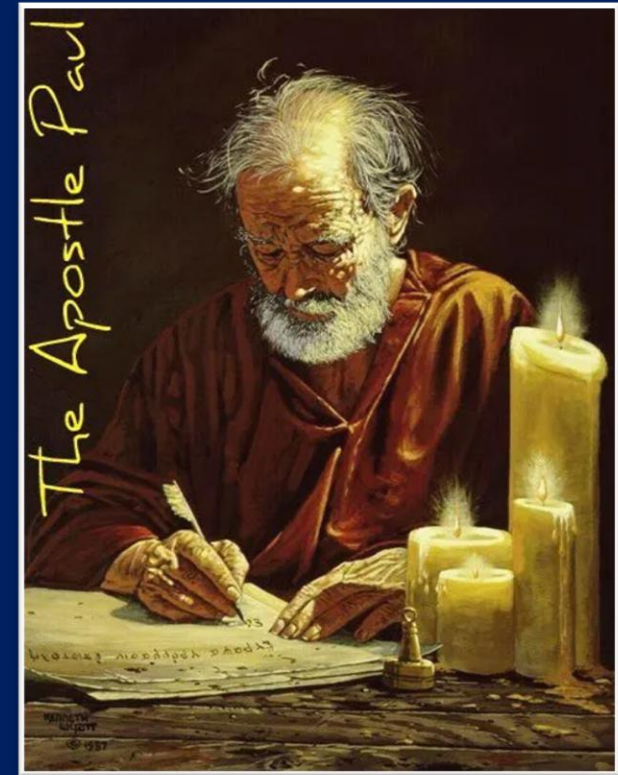
(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Crown</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

Unique Characteristics



- Every chapter ends with a reference to the Second Advent
- Small amount of time in between planting of the church and the first letter to the church



Conclusion

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