

**WRAPPING UP
1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS**

PERSONAL IMPACTS?

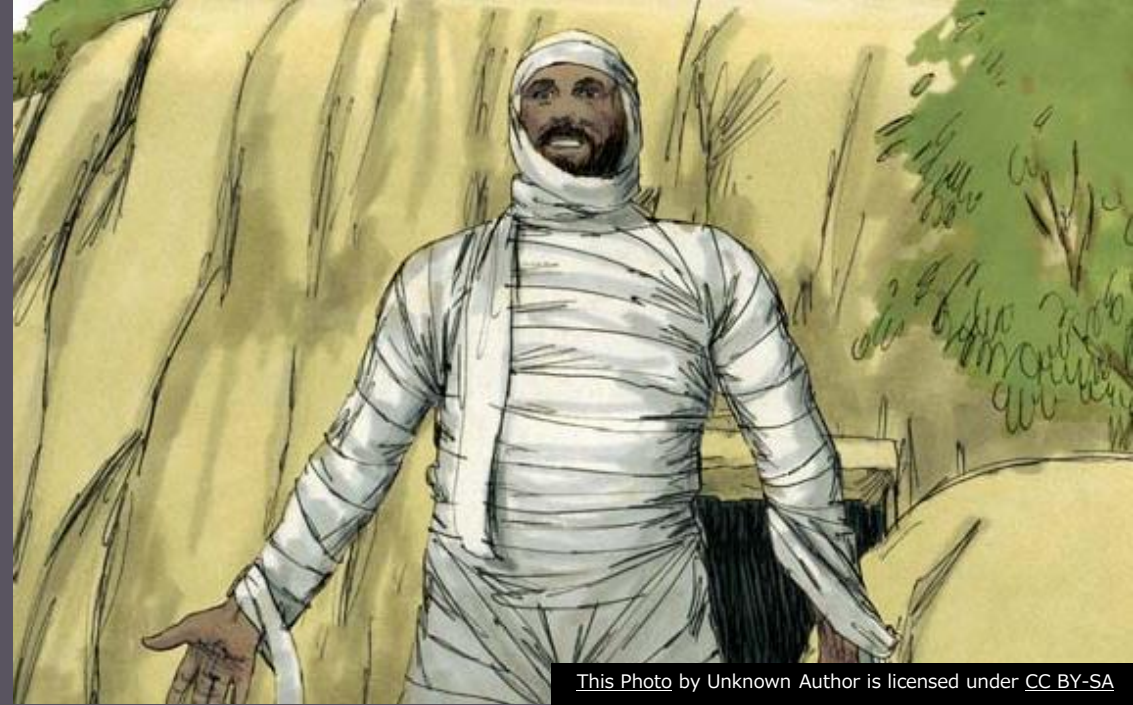
Today's Agenda:

1. Defining “Wrapping Up”
2. Giving Credit Where It Is Due
3. Q+A
4. Wrapping up the “Wrap Up”

1. DEFINING “WRAPPING UP” (Expectations)



**BE CAREFUL
WHAT YOU WISH
FOR...**



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**Review,
Summary,
Highlights, or
Applications?**

Summary Statement:
“remembering before our
God and Father your work of
faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of **HOPE** in our
Lord Jesus Christ”

1 Thessalonians 1:3

- In light of hardships
- While waiting for the Lord's return
- Clarifying events
- Dealing with laziness

a *BRIEF* Review...

3. Q+A (ME + YOU)



Q&A – To get you thinking...



Let's start off easy:

What do we have in common with the Thessalonians?

- Cosmopolitan
- Major trade route
- Mostly idol worshippers
- Majority are gentiles
- What else?



Q+A - COD Goals:

Knowledge gained:

What did you get out of this study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians?

Changes made:

What are you doing differently because of it?

Each of the following questions are designed to promote awareness of these two goals.

*With the objective being to hear God say,
"Well done thou good and faithful servant!"*





Q+A – Let's Reflect:

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*Faith, Love and Hope exemplified: their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of **HOPE** produced the words of truth, power of the Holy Spirit, and assurance of faith...*

Let's track how many we can answer in the affirmative:

1. With whom have you shared words of truth?
2. For whom are you “animated” and investing in labors of love?
3. Are you being patiently hopeful, all because of your faith in Christ's death, His position in heaven, and His future return?
4. Are you affirming (encouraging) others in the faith?
5. Are you more like the Thessalonians, moving forward with increasing love and maturity, or more like the Corinthians by not leveraging your calling?

Q+A – Let's Reflect:



6. Does the strength of your actions accurately reflect the level of your conviction? *(Trick question! A “freebie”...)*

7. Does your conviction drive you to review God's truth daily?

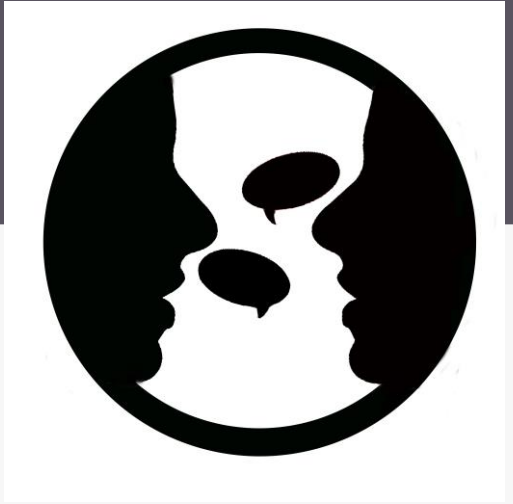
8. Are you a good example for others to follow?

9. Can you describe evidences of your spiritual growth?

10. Are you serving in some capacity or are you a “lazy Christian”?

How did you do?

Q+A - Applications Discussion:



Let's talk about these...

11. How do you enlist the aid of the Holy Spirit?

Faith in Christ, studying the Word of God, and belief in the power of the Holy Spirit; that He can, He wants to, He will. It is a partnership – we stand firm and hold fast; He will comfort and strengthen us, - and prayer, of course!

12. Who are you imitating? (Do they help or hinder your faith?)

13. What Scripture references have you held onto from these presentations?

14. What resources have you picked up and delved into?

“Love Does” by Bob Goff and the FBC podcasts for examples.

Q+A - Application Discussion:



Let's talk about these...

15. What made Paul's efforts so impactful?

Boldness, Strength of faith/convictions, Fearlessness

16. What does taking risks look and feel like? To be incendiary, culturally unaccepted, "politically incorrect"...

17. How are the changes God is making in you impacting others?

18. How is Satan hindering your efforts?

19. Who would be willing to describe a godly versus an ungodly way of dealing with pain?

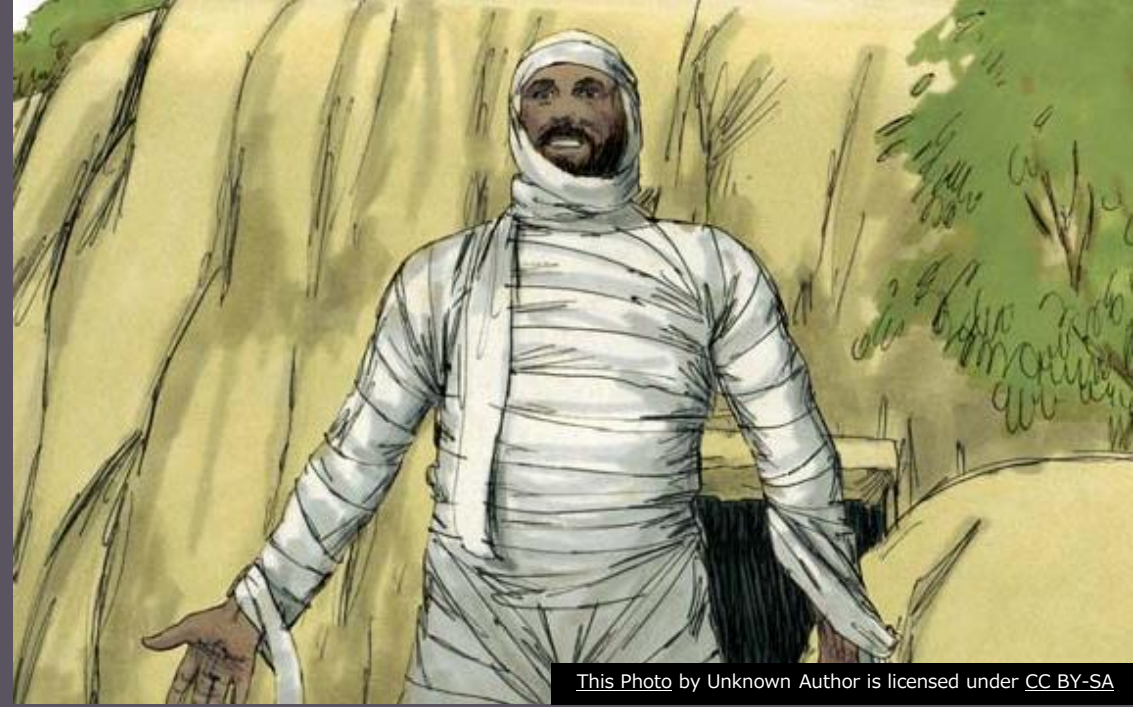
Q+A - Application Discussion:



Let's talk about these...

20. What guarantee do we have that we will be resurrected?
21. Who are the enemies to whom you have offered grace? (*Ouch!*)
22. Can you describe a time when you went through affliction silently?
23. When should we expect relief from all our afflictions?
24. Why is the difference between Christ's Second Appearing and His Second Coming important to you?
25. Any other comments or observations you'd like to share?

WRAPPING UP THE “WRAP UP”



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**Review,
Summary,
Highlights,
and Applications!**

The gift is an empowered life!

“Nevertheless, their **hope** for the future led to their perseverance. It is not an accident that Paul emphasizes this virtue in the context of pressure and persecution and suffering. . . .

Their **hope** is grounded in the Lord Jesus. It is not an abstract quality but a personal living **hope** involving a living relationship with an individual who can and will come and vindicate the Thessalonian Christians.”

1 and 2 Thessalonians: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary

“Because of the WHO the prayer is directed towards and HOW we relate to God, the WHAT is possible.”

Wrapping Up

**THANK YOU FOR
LETTING ME SHARE!**



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