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Paul's Letters PART 2

1st & 2nd Thessalonians

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REAL HISTORY

Acts 17:1-4

...they came to <u>Thessalonica</u>, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on <u>three</u> <u>Sabbath</u> days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

1st Thessalonians

Main theme: All who trust in Jesus will be saved.
Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Even those who have died will not miss out on Jesus' return. (4:13-18)
- ❖ Jesus' return will be surprising. (5:1-4)

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

2nd Thessalonians

Main theme: Providing clarity for questions raised from first letter.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Certain things will happen before Jesus' return.
- Continue to live productive lives until the end.

PAUL'S LETTERS TO INDIVIDUALS

1st Timothy

Main theme: Instructions regarding Christian leadership in the Church.
Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Timothy, Paul's former disciple, now pastoring in Ephesus.
- ❖ Warning against legalism and false teachers (1:3-11)
- ❖ List of qualities in a Christian leader. (3:1-13)

2nd Timothy

Main theme: Paul's final words to his friend in ministry.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Paul explains inspiration of scripture. (3:16)
- Christians should expect difficulties in this life.

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,...

Titus

Main theme: Instructions to a friend ministering in a difficult situation. Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Titus ministering on the island of Crete.
- Stand against false teachers, and emphasize the Gospel.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Philemon

Main theme: Personal letter about Philemon's run away slave, Onesimus.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- Paul's shortest letter. (25 verses)
- Christian brotherhood supersedes any social constructs.