

I Thessalonians 1-3 Quiz

1. Who is the author of I Thessalonians? Paul
2. Who was the book written to? Church at Thessalonica
3. How did this church come to be planted and how much time did the church planter(s) spend with them? Paul, Timothy, and Silas on their 2nd missionary journey planted the church after fleeing Philippi and spent less than a month with them.
4. Who were the church planters? Paul, Timothy & Silvanus/Silas
5. T or F: This church was started on the author's 2nd missionary trip.
6. This city was located in what continent? Europe
7. What was the author's occupation while in Thessalonica and why did the missionary work while there? Tentmaking, so as not to burden the church or be chargeable unto them
8. Explain with some detail the scenario for which the author writes this letter; what was his mental state like based upon the prior circumstances leading up to this writing and why was it this way? Paul, called to Europe, Macedonian Call, goes to Philippi where he faced tough opposition and was miraculously delivered from jail, as he came into Thessalonica and began preaching in the synagogues and people were being converted he faced strict opposition from the unbelieving Jews who caused an uproar and Paul was there around a month. After this he spent a short season in Berea and Athens where he faced the hostile Jews. After this Paul came to Corinth with weakness, much fear and trembling (I Cor. 2:3)
9. After the author receives the report on the status of this church, how does he then respond? He is greatly encouraged to continue to press on for the LORD
10. List 3 key issues this church faced: 1. Some were defaming Paul & his ministry; 2. There was confusion as to the return of Christ and those who had died as believers missing out; 3. A crisis in leadership. 4. Some were sinking back into immorality 5. Some were troubled by the hardships.
11. This letter was likely written in the summer or fall of AD 51.
12. In the opening verse of chapter 1, three people are listed who had a role in the planting of this church; List them: Paul, Timothy, Silvanus/Silas
13. The author gave thanks to God and prayed for what? These fellow believers that made up the church at Thessalonica
14. List 3 things that the author remembered without ceasing from chapter 1:3: Their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ
15. On multiple occasions (1:5, 2:3-6, 10) the author had to repeatedly show what manner of people they were and give his credentials and clout; why? Because there were some among the church who questioned Paul and company's character and accused him of being a wandering charlatan
16. This church was followers "imitators" of what? Christ and Paul as he modeled Christ
17. The Thessalonians were examples to all that dwelt in Macedonia and Achaia
18. What preceded this church in many places? Their great testimony

19. I Thessalonians 1:10 tells us to wait for something, what? The Son Jesus Christ (His Return)
20. The author described the treatment they received in Philippi and as they preached the Gospel among them what did they continue to face? They continued to face attacks and contention as they preached Christ
21. Were these preachers men pleasers? No
22. How does a nursing mother that cherishes her child relate to the missionaries and this church? They deeply loved and genuinely cared for this church as would a nursing mother with her newborn baby.
23. Whom did this church, the missionaries, and Jesus Christ suffer at the hands of and what were they seeking to prevent from happening? (2:14-16) The unbelieving Jews; they were trying to prevent Gentiles from hearing about Christ so that they would not be saved
24. What was this group of persecutors bringing upon themselves for such heinous actions? They were filling up their sins before God and were inviting the sure wrath of God! 2:16
25. What was the missionaries hope, crown of rejoicing, glory and joy? The Thessalonian believers
26. The writer is concerned that they would be moved by the afflictions they had faced and yet he reminded them in 3:3 that they (hint: II Tim. 3:12) Were appointed to face affliction
27. T or F: The author did not want their labor to be in vain for them.
28. After the messenger returned with word on their status; what type of message was it and what response did the author have? Timothy, the messenger brought word of the church's healthy and positive condition and it brought great joy to Paul's heart and truly encouraged him to press on all the more!
29. The desire of all ministry is to glorify God by presenting what unto God? (3:13) To establish & present all people as believers who are established in holiness at the coming of Jesus Christ
30. Each chapter concludes with what key teaching? The "Coming" of Jesus Christ. His return.

Bonus:

1. T or F: This writing comprises some of the earliest New Testament writings.
2. Thessalonica was named after what famous ruler's sister? Alexander the Great
3. Mark which of the following are TRUE about Thessalonica: X Military center X Commercial Center 350,000 population X Well known for its wealth and sinful vices had a strange mixture of Greek high society and pagan sensuality
4. Who did the author send to establish them and comfort them in the faith? (3:1-2) Timothy
5. These missionaries labored "night and day" for what purpose? (2:9) So they would not be chargeable to the church, and it could grow and function without being concerned of supporting them