

Book of I Thessalonians Test:

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 less than a month. 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
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 preacher's men pleasers? No
22. How does a nurse that cherishing children relate to the missionaries and this church? They deeply loved and genuinely cared for this church as would a nurse with a 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. I Thessalonians 4:3 tells us part of the will of God is our s anctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.
31. What is fornication? Sexual immorality outside the bounds of marriage
32. What illustration did we use that showed where this is acceptable and where it isn't acceptable? A fire is great in a stove; a fire is dangerous in a bedroom
33. There were some in the church that believed Christ had already returned, or that those who had died as believers would miss out. To this the author first addresses some in the

congregation who had stopped doing what? They had stopped working and were “staring up at the sky” waiting for Jesus to return any day

34. We discussed in I Thessalonians 4:13-18 the Rapture of the church. Explain the different words below:

Rapture: Jesus Christ coming in the cloud to catch away His Church, all believers in Him, to be with Him evermore

35. Asleep: It was a word that spoke of death, and specifically of the death of believers

36. Dead in Christ (where are they and what will happen at Christ’s return): The dead in Christ are those who were saved and have died physically. Their bodies are in the ground, their souls are with the Lord. He will bring their souls at His return and resurrect their bodies and the two will merge to form a glorified body

37. Alive in Christ: Saved people who are alive upon the earth, and in this context will be raptured up to eternally be with Christ and given glorified bodies

38. Who goes first, the dead in Christ or the alive in Christ? The dead in Christ

39. What happens to a person the moment they die? Souls go to Heaven or Hell, depending upon what they did with Jesus Christ; their bodies to the ground to await the resurrection

40. How can Jesus bring the dead in Christ with Him and yet raise the dead in Christ? He brings their souls and raises their bodies to form a glorified, incorruptible, immortal body

41. Explain what we meant when we talked about the Rapture of the Church and it coming as a “thief in the night”? It is imminent and can happen at any moment and will surprise all those who are unprepared for it

42. What were the words “Peace and Safety”? Slogans for the Roman Empire

43. Why were these words false in the light of the Rapture? Because as I Thess. 5:3 says His return will come suddenly and there will be no “peace and safety” to unbelievers!

44. Should the Rapture surprise believers as a thief in the night? Explain: (5:4-8) No. We should not sleep as unbelievers who are unprepared and unaware of what is coming! We know and should live according as His children of light

45. Who were the children of the day/light and the children of the night/darkness? Day/Light: Believers in Christ - Night/Darkness: Unbelievers

46. According to I Thess. 1:10 & 5:9 we are told twice that we are not appointed to wrath and are delivered from the wrath to come. What is this all about? As believers we will be raptured out of this world prior to the Great Tribulation at the return of Christ and we will be exempted the wrath of God coming upon this world!

47. The author exhorts in I Thess. 5:12-13 to know and esteem them very highly in love what group of people? The Pastors, those who labor among you and are over you spiritually

48. Why did we say it was important to respect this position whether in name or in action?
Because to disrespect the position, is to disregard the message of the messenger and God's Word must be magnified
49. Chapter 5 closes out with a variety of "sermon titles", list 5 of them: Warn them that are unruly; comfort the feeble minded; support the weak; be patient toward all men; rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing; in every thing give thanks;
50. Explain what we meant when we said a believer should abstain from all appearance of evil? By liberty, some things we are free to do, are not expedient for us to do; because some things have the appearance of evil and can become stumbling blocks to others

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