WEEK ONE

I Thessalonians 1-2

I Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 1:1-4

Examine –

1. What three people are introduced at the beginning of this book?
2. To whom was the book written?
3. In whom is this Church?
4. With what two words did Paul greet them?
5. What does Paul do before God?
6. When does Paul mention them?
7. What three things does Paul remember about this church?
8. How often does Paul remember this?
9. Before whom do they perform this?
10. What does Paul know?
11. Paul called them B in verse 4.

Some are scared of the word election/elect/chosen but it is taught in the Bible. Two different Greek words translate to about 30 times those English words are used. People get into trouble when they try to explain away or over emphasize these words!

Apply-

This church was known for their hope, faith, love and patience. What would you say was your strong point in this list?

What would you say was your weak point?

What can you do to correct this today?

For what do you think our youth group is known?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 1:5-10

Examine –

1. What did Paul preach to them?
2. Paul presented the gospel not only in what?
3. What three things characterized Paul’s message?

3. Paul challenges them to examine his T . (What manner of man he was)

4. They followed Paul, which led them to follow whom?

5. How did they receive the word?

6. They also received it with what?

7. From where does the above answer come?

8. What were these people to others?

1. How far did their influence go?

Bonus – Find or trace a map of this region with these places labeled!

**Note: As a result of their testimony, Paul’s ministry was more effective.**

1. Beyond these places where else did their faith go?
2. What did Paul not need to do?
3. To what did they turn?
4. From what did they turn?
5. Whom did they serve?
6. For what are they waiting?
7. From what does God deliver us?
8. For what are we waiting?
9. What critical doctrine is mentioned in verse 10?

Apply-

When the believers were saved, the natural response was to share/serve. What are you doing to share and serve God?

How does your testimony speak to others?

Are you an asset to the cause of Christ or a detriment? How?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 2:1-5

Examine –

1. What does he call them in verse 1?
2. What was Paul’s entrance not?
3. Where was Paul at before he came to this city?
4. What two things happened to them at this city?
5. How did they speak the gospel?
6. Did Paul have opposition in Thessalonica?

**Note: the word exhortation is the same as preaching**

1. When Paul was there he did not use what three things in his preaching?
2. They preached only what God had put in their trust, which was what?
3. Who were they seeking to please?
4. Who tries the heart?
5. Paul did not use what kind of words?
6. What did he not have as his purpose?
7. Who is witness for this?

Apply-

Paul has all the right motives in his serving. What are your reasons for serving?

Do you realize daily that God sees and tries us?

Are you satisfied with what God is seeing of your life?

Have you shared the Gospel with someone this week?

Put one thing down that needs to improve and work on it today!

Prayer

Praise

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Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 2:6-10

Examine –

Go back and read verse 1-5 to get the context.

1. From whom were they not seeking glory?
2. Were they burdensome to them?

**Note: This probably indicates that Paul did not depend on them for financial assistance.**

1. What does Paul use as an example of how they acted toward them?
2. What word does he use when describing how he treated them?
3. Define Affectionately -
4. Paul imparted not only what to them?
5. What was Paul also willing to give to them?
6. Why?
7. What would the people remember?
8. How/when did Paul labor?
9. Why did Paul do this?
10. Of what are the people witnesses?

Apply-

Do you treat people with gentleness and affection?

Would you say that those around you would describe your life as holy, just, and unblamable?

In what ways do you fall short of these qualities? Examine yourself and see how you stack up!

This was a pretty tall statement by Paul.

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 2:11-15

Examine –

1. Paul uses three words to describe how to speak to them. List them beside the definition.

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|  | To utter honorable testimony, give a good report; conjure, implore  |
|  | To address one by way of incentive or admonition; calm; console |
|  | To beseech, to call to ones side, encourage |

1. This is how a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would do for his children.
2. They were to do what before God?
3. God had called them into what two things?
4. What did Paul do without ceasing?
5. How did they not receive the Word of God?
6. What works in us if we believe?
7. Of what did they become followers?

**Note: Because these churches are in Judea, they are Jewish believers.**

1. From whom were the Thessalonians sufferings?
2. From whom had the Jewish believers suffered?
3. The Jews killed whom?
4. Who had they persecuted?
5. They please not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are contrary to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Apply-

Most of us don’t have to suffer persecution. We should be thankful for that. Looking at question 13, describe your relationship to God?

Describe your relationship to man?

If your relationship to either one is not right then the other will be messed up as well!

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I Thessalonians 1:9 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Thessalonians 2:16-20

Examine –

Go back and read verse 14-15 to get the context.

1. What did the Jews try to forbid?
2. What is come upon them?

\*Read Hebrews 10:31

1. Paul was taken from them for how long?
2. Where was his heart?
3. What did he have a great desire to do?
4. Did Paul try to come?
5. Who hindered Paul?
6. What is the answer to the first question in verse 19?

Fact: The second question is called a rhetorical question. This means the answer is obvious.

1. Based upon the above fact, what is the answer to this question?
2. What was Paul’s joy and glory?

**Note: Paul has a pastor’s heart. Paul longed to help and spend time with the Christians. He loved them and wanted the best for them. I feel the same way about you!**

Apply-

Are you under the wrath of God?

How are you growing towards Christ-likeness?

Are you closer to God today than you have ever been?

If not, WHY?

Ask God to help you to get back to where you once were.

Remember in the Christian life you either go forward or backward. You never just sit still!

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Read – Review

Examine –

1. List the things that Paul commends the church for in chapters 1-2.
2. On what things did Paul defend himself?
3. Paul uses two types of people to describe his relationship to them; list them.
4. Who was fighting the gospel?
5. Who was fighting Paul coming to see them?
6. Who was Paul’s glory and joy?

Apply-

These young Christians at Thessalonica were and are a challenge to others and us. Their salvation produced an outward sign in shedding idols, service, and sacrifice.

What outward signs do you have of your salvation?

If someone accused you of being a Christian is there enough evidence to convict you?

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