

Survey of the New Testament
“Thessalonians”

I. Introduction.

A. Dating

1. Quite early – possibly 51 AD

B. The City

1. Distinctives

C. Founding of the church.

1. Acts 17:1-9,10

D. Similarity of the letters.

1. Silas and Timothy

II. The occasion – I Thessalonians.

A. Primarily written to encourage believers.

1. Emphasis on New Believer.

B. Paul's counsel – at least five emphasis.

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C. Insights into Last Things.

1. Many verses are devoted to eschatology.

D. The “God” focus.

1. The Christian had hostile opposition from the Jew and pagan, but Paul directed them upward.

2. Use of “God” – I Thessalonians.

God

Jesus

Lord

Christ

a. Use of God – II Thessalonians

God

Jesus

Lord

Christ

3. The key point.

III. Distinctives of II Thessalonians.

A. Similar remarks found in both letters.

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B. New Things.

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C. Concerns over authority.

1. Vocabulary selection.

2. Use of “Lawless One.”

3. Response.