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Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

(Readings are for the week previous to the lesson topics.)

1. March 3. A New Loyalty

M — We Used to Be Foolish. Titus 3:1-8.
T — And Such Were Some of You. I Cor. 6:9-11, 19-20.
W — Leave Fleshly Desires Behind. I Pet. 4:1-6.
T — Made Alive Together with Christ. Eph. 2:1-13.
F — Faith in the Power of God. I Cor. 2:1-5.
S — Obedience from the Heart. Rom. 6:17-23.
S — Turning to God from Idols. I Thess. 1:1-10.

2. March 10. A New Affection

M — If God So Loved Us. I John 4:7-16.
T — Love One Another. John 15:9-17.
W — Because We Love the Brethren. I John 3:14-19.
T — Love Fulfills the Law. Rom. 13:7-10.
F — Nothing Without Love. I Cor. 13:1-7.
S — May Your Love Abound. Phil. 1:3-11.
S — News of the Thessalonians' Love. I Thess. 3:1-13.

3. March 17. A New Way of Life

M — Doing What Pleases the Lord. I John 3:20-24.
T — Fulfill Your Calling. Eph. 4:1-6.
W — Grow in Christ. Eph. 4:7-16.
T — Put on the New Man. Eph. 4:17-24.
F — They Gave Themselves to the Lord. II Cor. 8:1-6.
S — Walk Worthy of the Lord. Col. 1:3-11.
S — Called to Holiness. I Thess. 4:1-12.

4. March 24. A New Understanding

M — Raised at Christ's Coming. I Cor. 15:20-28.
T — At the Last Trumpet. I Cor. 15:51-58.
W — Lord of the Dead and the Living. Rom. 14:7-12.
T — Who Can Abide the Day of the Lord? Joel 2:1-11.
F — Watch, Therefore. Mark 13:28-37.
S — Like a Thief in the Night. II Pet. 3:9-16.
S — You Are Not in Darkness. I Thess. 4:13—5:10.

5. March 31. A Growing Confidence

M — Moving on to Perfection. Heb. 5:10—6:4.
T — Confidently Drawing Near to God. Heb. 10:14-23.
W — Keep Yourselves in the Love of God. Jude 1:14-21.
T — Joy and Confidence in Trials. I Pet. 4:7-14.
F — To Be Accounted Worthy. Luke 21:29-36.
S — Confidence at Christ's Coming. I John 2:20-29.
S — Becoming Strong in Faith. II Thess. 1:1-12.

6. April 7. A Growing Awareness

M — Perilous Times Shall Come. II Tim. 3:1-9.
T — Many Antichrists Already. I John 2:12-19.
W — When Will These Things Happen? Matt. 24:3-14.
T — This Generation Shall Not Pass. Matt. 24:29-34.
F — The Lord's Coming Is Near. Jas. 5:7-11.
S — He Will Not Tarry. Heb. 10:32-37.
S — Let No Man Deceive You. II Thess. 2:1-12.

7. April 14. A Growing Resolve

M — Blessed Are Those Who Obey. Rev. 22:6-14.
T — Laboring to Enter Our Rest. Heb. 4:11-16.
W — A Steadfast Anchor of the Soul. Heb. 6:9-20.
T — Live in the Daylight. Rom. 13:11-14.

F — Faith More Precious Than Gold. I Pet. 1:1-8.
S — The One Who Overcomes. Rev. 3:7-13.
S — Wait Patiently for Christ. II Thess. 2:13—3:5.

8. April 21. Remember the True Gospel! (Easter)

M — The Gospel I Preached unto You. I Cor. 15:1-11.
T — Christ Is Risen Indeed. I Cor. 15:12-22.
W — By the Determined Counsel of God. Acts 2:22-36.
T — Salvation in No Other. Acts 4:5-14.
F — The Glorious Gospel of Christ. II Cor. 4:1-6.
S — Reject Any Other Gospel. II Cor. 10:12—11:4.
S — Raised from the Dead. Gal. 1:6-9; Matt. 28:1-7, 18-20.

9. April 28. The Source of Paul's Gospel

M — The Gospel Committed to Paul. I Tim. 1:11-17.
T — Separated unto the Gospel. Rom. 1:1-9.
W — Made a Minister of the Gospel. Acts 26:12-20.
T — Paul's Earliest Preaching. Acts 9:13-22.
F — The Mystery Made Known to Paul. Eph. 3:1-9.
S — Obligated to Preach the Gospel. I Cor. 9:13-19.
S — Paul's Gospel Not from Man. Gal. 1:10-24.

10. May 5. The Gospel of Faith Foretold

M — A Father to Saints of Many Nations. Rom. 4:11-18.
T — Promises to the Fathers Fulfilled. Rom. 15:7-16.
W — This Agrees with the Prophecies. Acts 15:7-18.
T — On the Foundation of the Prophets. Eph. 2:11-22.
F — Salvation Also for the Gentiles. Isa. 49:1-6.
S — I Will Draw All Men unto Me. John 12:23-33.
S — Gentiles' Salvation Foreseen. Gal. 3:1-14.

11. May 12. The Gospel: Faith in Christ

M — The Necessity of Faith. Heb. 11:1-10.
T — Believe with the Heart. Rom. 10:1-13.
W — Saved by Grace Through Faith. Eph. 2:1-10.
T — Righteousness by Faith in Christ. Rom. 3:19-28.
F — No Confidence in the Flesh. Phil. 3:1-9.
S — Faith Works. Jas. 2:14-26.
S — Justified by Faith in Christ. Gal. 3:15-25.

12. May 19. Heirs Because of the Gospel

M — Overcomers Inherit All Things. Rev. 21:1-7.
T — An Inheritance Gained in Christ. Eph. 1:5-14.
W — Inheritance of the Saints. Col. 3:12-24.
T — Joint Heirs with Christ. Rom. 8:8-17.
F — All Who Receive Him Become Sons. John 1:5-13.
S — Children of the Promise. Rom. 9:6-16.
S — No Difference—All Are Heirs. Gal. 3:26—4:7.

13. May 26. The Gospel in Action

M — Be a Living Sacrifice. Rom. 12:1-10.
T — Suitable for the Master's Use. II Tim. 2:19-26.
W — Bear the Infirmities of the Weak. Rom. 15:1-7.
F — Abound in Every Good Work. II Cor. 9:6-15.
T — Live in Harmony with the Gospel. Phil. 1:21-30.
S — Doers of the Word. Jas. 1:19-27.
S — Do Good to All. Gal. 6:1-10.

Scripture Lesson Text

1 THESS. 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

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;

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

NOTES

A New Loyalty

Lesson Text: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Related Scriptures: Acts 17:1-4; Romans 6:17-23;
I Corinthians 2:1-5; Ephesians 2:1-13

TIME: A.D. 51

PLACE: from Corinth

GOLDEN TEXT—"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" (I Thessalonians 1:9).

Preparing to Teach the Lesson

TODAY'S AIM

Facts: to show how the new believers in Thessalonica turned from their idols and their old way of life to the living God.

Principle: to learn that when we put our faith in Christ, we become brand-new people.

Application: to turn around and know exciting new life in our Lord Jesus despite our past.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON

A Christian organization reported the healing of a Hindu woman in India who had been sick for ten years. When the missionaries came and prayed for her, she was healed and turned from her previous faith to our Lord Jesus. This is a good example of the way that the message of Jesus transforms people and turns them toward Him, away from idols.

DEVELOPING THE LESSON

1. Remembered by Paul (I Thess. 1:1-3). Paul tells us that Jesus is pre-eminent in all his preaching, and He

is the cause for which he was doing everything.

Notice the detail with which Paul prays for these believers. He remembers them and goes on to recount specific details of their faithfulness. They showed patience and love. These were marks of change.

Through faith in Jesus, we become new people. We are free from sin and realize that only the true and living God can do this. The past is left behind. The Thessalonian believers are a good example for us to follow. If someone looks at our own local churches, will they be able to give this kind of a report about us?

2. Chosen by God (I Thess. 1:4-7). In verse 4, Paul talks about "your election of God. Paul goes on to explain that the gospel is powerful. This is seen in the way the good news is powerfully demonstrated (the word here gives us the idea of *explosive power*).

The gospel demands a response. Paul commended the believers in Thessalonica for their close relationship with Jesus.