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For Teens Ages 15 Through 17



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Life in Christ presents the most exciting opportunity for a completely satisfying life. Accepting Christ as Saviour affects every part of our existence. These lessons reveal the truths concerning this new life.

In the first unit, the truth concerning new life in Christ is explained from the book of I Thessalonians. We see how our salvation brings us into a relationship with the Son of God, which opens the way to a transformed lifestyle that pleases God instead of self.

The second unit explains the process of spiritual growth in the believer. It encourages us to endure trials by anticipating our eternal life with Him.

In the third unit, the book of Galatians provides instruction concerning the impact the gospel should have on our lives. From the very beginning of Scripture, that gospel has been offered by grace based on the promise of God of a Saviour.

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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

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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).

ANALYZING

The city of Thessalonica was located in what is present-day Greece. At the time of the Apostle Paul, the area was known as Macedonia. After starting a church in that city, Paul moved on but was led by the Holy Spirit to write two letters, or epistles, to the believers there. These are the books of the Bible we call I and II Thessalonians.

The evidence of loyalty (I Thess. 1:1-4). Paul had a special place in his heart for the people who comprised the church in Thessalonica. They loved Paul as well, but what really pleased him was their love and loyalty to Jesus Christ. He had shared the gospel with them and seen them live it out. And since his departure, they had continued to grow in the faith, and every report that came to him from that city brought joy to his heart. Paul continued to pray for the new believers, and those prayers were prayers of thanksgiving.

The continued growth of the new believers was Paul’s desire. Their

faith in Christ was evident. God had done His work in their hearts, convicting them of sin and drawing them to the Saviour. Paul had personally seen them trust Christ for salvation. The result of their love for Christ was service to Him in spite of hardship. Those who hated them could not explain the power of their love to ward one another and even toward those who opposed them.

The Thessalonian believers were certain of their future because they trusted that the promises made to them by Christ would never fail. That confidence in Christ produced a patient spirit, which remained calm even under the pressure of persecution.

The effects of loyalty (I Thess. 1:5-7). Before Paul had arrived in Thessalonica, probably no one in the city had heard the gospel story. When Paul told them about the death and resurrection of Christ, they understood that the power behind his preaching did not come from his own eloquence. It was the power of God that had raised Jesus from the dead; this same power influenced every area of their lives