

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a spring scene. In the center, a bird's nest is built on a tree branch, containing two colorful Easter eggs (one blue with white spots, one orange with white spots). The nest is surrounded by various flowers, including white daisies and yellow and purple blossoms. Two colorful birds are perched on branches: one is purple and pink, the other is blue and orange. The background features rolling green hills, a bright yellow sun, and stylized white clouds. The overall color palette is warm and cheerful, dominated by yellows, greens, and purples.

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LOOKING AHEAD

In this quarter, we will study I and II Thessalonians and Galatians. Lesson 1 looks at the impact of the gospel on the lives of the believers in Thessalonica. Lesson 2 examines their spiritual growth. In lesson 3, we will see the need for believers to live holy lives. Lesson 4 looks at Christ's return.

Lesson 5 shows us how the Thessalonians gained confidence during persecution. In lesson 6, we will look at the tribulation period. Lesson 7 looks at how believers are to stand fast.

Paul dealt with a false gospel in lesson 8 and the source of his gospel in lesson 9. In lesson 10, we look at faith versus law. In lesson 11, we see Jesus as the Seed of Abraham, and in lesson 12, we discover why we are sons of God. We conclude with a look at our responsibilities as believers.

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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).

LESSON STUDY

PAUL’S GREETING—I Thess. 1:1-2

Most of the New Testament books were letters written to believers. In the first century, since letters were written on scrolls, the letter began with the name(s) of the author and the person or people to whom the letter was being written. In this way the person who received the letter knew immediately who had written it.

First Thessalonians was the first of two letters written to the church in Thessalonica. While Sylvanus and Timotheus (Silas and Timothy) were involved, the letter was written by Paul the apostle. Most, if not all, of the church members were Gentile believers.

New Testament letters also began with a greeting that contained theological truth. Paul began by wishing his readers grace, which is the undeserved favor of God. This refers to the salvation God has provided through Christ.

Next Paul wished them peace. Because of salvation, believers now

have spiritual peace with God. Paul, Peter, John, and Jude began their letters in a similar fashion.

Paul wrote about how he, Silas, and Timothy constantly gave thanks to God for them and prayed for them. These Thessalonian believers were important to the missionaries.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE THESSALONIANS—I Thess. 1:3-7

As they prayed, Paul and his fellow missionaries constantly remembered various qualities of the Thessalonians’ new lives in Christ. First Paul remembered their “work of faith” (I Thess. 1:3). Their saving faith in Christ had produced many obvious results.

Next Paul remembered their “labour of love” (I Thess. 1:3). Their love for the Lord had inspired their love for others and was the reason they carried out their good works.

Paul also commended them for their “patience of hope in [the] Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thess. 1:3). They endured hardships and persecution because they placed their hope in the Lord. They looked forward to