

## PAUL WROTE THE THESSALONIANS FROM CORINTH Pt. 2

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
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- A. The Apostle Commends the Thessalonian Church (1 Thess. 1)
- B. Paul Answers the Outside Critics and Defends His Ministry (1 Thess. 2:1-12)
- C. The Thessalonians Applying the Word and the Persecution that Came with It (2:13-20)

1. The Thessalonians had willingly \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, and they also faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ it; the evidence was that it was already at work IN them. (v. 13)
  
2. These Macedonians had \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ just like the churches in Judea had. (v. 14a)
  
3. Paul used the unsaved \_\_\_\_\_ as an example of opposition to God; they had run him out of town and they were currently \_\_\_\_\_ this local church. (vv. 14b-16)
  
4. The apostle encouraged these saints that while they were \_\_\_\_\_, physically \_\_\_\_\_ from coming to them, they were very much in their \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 17-18)
  
5. Paul was spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ with his children in the faith, and he liked to \_\_\_\_\_ them "*in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.*" (vv. 19-20)

### D. The Missionary Team's Concern for the Thessalonians' Spiritual Well Being (3:1-8)

1. Paul, Silas and Timothy could hardly \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of how the Thessalonians were "holding up" against the satanic assault. (v. 1)

2. Paul sent Timothy back to the young church to \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them regarding their \_\_\_\_\_; but also, to remind them that they had already been warned that they would \_\_\_\_\_ afflictions. (vv. 2-4)
  
3. Out of genuine \_\_\_\_\_ concern, Paul was troubled that \_\_\_\_\_ had done his evil work, and these new converts had \_\_\_\_\_ the ministry. (v. 5)
  
4. With Timothy's return there was great news from Thessalonica concerning their " \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;" they had \_\_\_\_\_ memories of the missionaries, just as Paul and his team did for them. (v. 6)
  
5. Despite the many obstacles that Paul and his comrades faced, they were so \_\_\_\_\_ about the Thessalonians' spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, it gave Paul and others new vigor. (vv. 7-8)

#### **E. Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Thessalonian Believers (3:9-13)**

1. The overwhelming response was " \_\_\_\_\_ to God" for all that God was doing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Thessalonians. (v. 9)
  
2. Their prayers for them were \_\_\_\_\_ ("*night and day*"), they were \_\_\_\_\_ ("*exceedingly*"), and they were also for the missionaries to be able to see them in person and minister to them once again. (vv. 10-11)
  
3. Paul also prayed that the Lord would cause them to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in love for one another, in order that God would establish their hearts \_\_\_\_\_ in holiness. (vv. 12-13)

\* What can you personally apply from this overview study?