



A Journey to the Greek city of Thessalonica

Following in the
Footsteps of Paul

"After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

And so we will be with the Lord forever."

~1 Thessalonians 4:17

1 Thessalonians Ch. 1 & 2 "Love and Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians Faith"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together in your name.

Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.

We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.

Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.

We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: 1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

- 1) We know that these two letters to the Thessalonians were written by Paul. Why did he include Silas and Timothy's name at the beginning of the letter?
- 2) What is Paul attempting to accomplish in verses 2-10 in this first chapter of his epistle?

- 3) Thessalonica was one of three major cities that Paul made a point to visit...the other two being Athens and Corinth. For Paul, what was the significance of visiting Thessalonica? What value did it present to Paul and his message of the Gospel? (See 1 Thessalonians 1:8)
- 4) What similarities do you see in the way both chapter one and two end?
- 5) In Ch. 2:18, Paul mentions that Satan blocked their way from returning to be with the believers in Thessalonica. Is Satan real? How can we show someone that he is real?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.