

## 1 & 2 Thessalonians

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed – 03/31/25

Lesson 1  
Acts 17:1-10, 1Th 1:1-3

1 Thessalonians is a letter written by Paul to the church he had founded in Thessalonica on his second missionary journey. In order to have the right context, we will start with that account found in the beginning of Acts 17.

1. Read Acts 17:1-10. As was Paul's custom in a new city, where did he go to teach? What was his method and his message? Was he successful? (v. 4)
2. What was the basis of the opposition he encountered? How serious was it? Was the case against him based on facts or false accusations? How long did Paul stay in Thessalonica?
3. In verse 10, Paul and Silas left Thessalonica under the cover of darkness and went to Berea. How hard would it have been to be one of those early Christians living in Thessalonica after he left?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3. What can be learned about this church from Paul's greeting to them in vs. 1?
5. To whom does Paul express thanks for their existence? (v. 2) Why? (vv. 4-5)
6. What three foundational facts of Christian character does Paul commend in the Thessalonians in v. 3?
7. What do you think each of those mean practically, and how are they demonstrated in real life?
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  - 2)
  - 3)
8. Do they describe you and how you live? If not, why not? Where are you convicted to do better?