

FIRST THESSALONIANS REVIEWED

Introduction:

- A. Letters are written for a purpose.
- b. These people had needs.
 - 1. Errors to be corrected.
 - 2. Comfort and encouragement.

I. THE THESSALONIANS AND THE GOSPEL. CHAPTER 1

- A. The gospel preached.
 - 1. v5,6 "they believed."
 - 2. v9 "they were changed."
 - 3. A public servant of the Supreme Power.
- B. The gospel is God's chosen instrument.
 - 1. "The gospel is the power of God..."
 - 2. It hath pleased God.

II. THE THESSALONIANS AND PERSECUTION. CHAPTER 3

- A. "they were persecuted."
 - 1. v1-3.
 - 2. v4 -- told to expect it.
- b. We should not expect less.
 - 1. Jesus was persecuted.
 - 2. What is persecution?

III. THE THESSALONIANS AND LIFE. CHAPTER 4

- A. Life is to be lived. v7-12.
 - 1. v7.
 - 2. v11.
 - 3. v12.

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- B. This would revolutionize the church.
 - 1. Always waiting to do something grand.

IV. THE THESSALONIANS AND THEIR DEAD. CHAPTER 4:13-18.

- A. They were too concerned.
 - 1. v13 -- "as others which have no hope."
- B. They believed in Jesus. v14
 - 1. The only way.
 - 2. The gospel -- "died and rose again."
- C. They will be united. v17

V. THE THESSALONIANS AND THE COMING OF JESUS.

- A. The Lord is coming again. v16
 - 1. The same Jesus.
- B. They did not know the hour or the day.
 - 1. However, they were not in darkness.
 - v.4
 - 2. They were not to sleep. v.6