

EBW Fall 2020

Fellowship Mtg 1

1 Thessalonians Overview and Chapter 1

Study Questions

- Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's leading and understanding as you begin to read 1 Thessalonians.
- If possible, simply read the five chapters over the next few days (or in one sitting) to get a big picture of this precious book of the Bible before answering the observation questions.
- A copy of 1 Thessalonians 1 is on the third page and ready for you to use to mark any of your observations.

Overview questions:

1. Who wrote the book?
2. To whom was it written?
3. Read Acts 17-18:5 and read about the sequence of events surrounding Paul's visit to Thessalonica. What do you observe?

4. Where/When: Time and Place of the writing of this letter: (1 Thess. 3:1-6 and Acts 17-18:5)

5. Theme: Read the last verses of each chapter ((1Th 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:23) What is a common theme or pattern that you see?

Chapter 1 Observations Questions:

Who and what do we find in chapter one? Include the verse/s where you find your observation. See example.

Who	What
Example: God	Loves Thessalonians (V.4); Elects/chooses (V.4); Raised Jesus from the dead (V. 10)

Notes: (for Interpretation and Application) Feel free to jot down your own notes; we will also cover this at the meeting.

1 Thessalonians 1 New American Standard Bible

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, 4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; 5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.