



1 THESSALONIANS

How to keep growing in faith, love, and hope

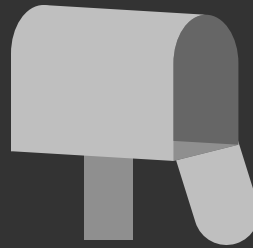
Theme verse

We request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. (1 Thes 4:1)



Who wrote it?

The apostle Paul, in the company of Silvanus and Timothy



Who read it?

Christians in the city of Thessalonica (1:1), many of whom know the authors

The structure of 1 Thessalonians

The first three chapters commend the Thessalonians for their faith, hope, and love. The last two challenge them to “excel still more.”

Commendation

1

The Thess. example

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Paul’s history with them

3

Timothy’s visit & report

Challenge

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Grow in love and hope

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Prep for Christ’s return