



EPISODE 3: THESSALONIANS
JANUARY 24/25
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1. When were the epistles to the Thessalonians written?
2. What was their principal purpose? See 1 Thess. 4:12–18.
3. What key themes are emphasized in the letters to the Thessalonians?
4. What description of the second coming of Christ does Paul give them? 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.
5. What is shown by the words “we which are alive”?
6. What did he say of the time in 2 Thess.? He warns his readers against the idea that the day of the Lord was actually at hand.

7. What great event must precede it? 2 Thess. 2:3–12.

8. How does Paul express gratitude in the opening of both First and Second Thessalonians?

9. In First Thessalonians, what insights are given into the nature of the Thessalonian believers' faith?

10. Explore the concept of the "Day of the Lord" mentioned in both letters. What does it mean for believers?

11. How does Paul address the issue of idleness and work in Second Thessalonians?

12. Discuss the importance of maintaining a sense of hope in the midst of persecution, as seen in both letters.

13. Reflect on the role of prayer in the lives of the Thessalonian Christians based on the letters.

14. How does the theme of brotherly love manifest in the Thessalonian church, and what significance does it hold?

15. Discuss the idea of the resurrection and its implications as presented in First Thessalonians.

16. Explore the concept of the "man of lawlessness" mentioned in Second Thessalonians. What interpretations exist?

17. Examine the role of faithfulness and steadfastness in the context of the Thessalonian believers' challenges.

18. How do the letters address the anticipation of Christ's return and its impact on the believers' daily lives?

19. In what ways do the Thessalonian letters encourage believers to live a life worthy of their calling?

20. What is **Profound / Powerful** about these letters to you? What do they tell us about God, about humanity and about God's involvement in our lives and salvation?
21. What is **Problematic**?
22. What **Personal** issues do the Thessalonian letters address in Paul's life? Do any of these issues resonate with you? in your life?
23. Give some examples of how Paul expresses God's truth in **poetic**, memorable or beautiful ways.
24. Are there any **practical** issues that Paul raises (money, travel, politics etc.)?
25. What does Paul **pray** for in this letter, and what do you think is at the top of his "prayer list" for this church?
26. Where do you see Paul really speaking as a **pastor** and leader in this letter? What insights can be gained about Paul's relationship with the Thessalonians through the letters?