

# THESSALONIANS

Standing firm in the shadow of  
religious confusion

# Chapters 1-3: The Historical Section

- \* Praise for their persistence and zeal
- \* Reminder of why they listened and obeyed
- \* A recounting of Paul's hardships on their behalf
- \* A reminder of Christian suffering around the world

# Chapters 4-5: The Practical Section

- \* Exhortation against sexual vices
- \* Clarifications on the return of Christ
- \* Encouragement to work and lead productive lives as God intends.

WHY CAN  
THEY BE  
CONFIDENT  
IN THE  
GOSPEL?  
(1:5-6)

For our gospel did not come to you  
in word only...

1. The Quality of the Words

2. The Power of the Holy Spirit's  
Miracles

3. Paul's selfless & sincere  
preaching

4. The joy and success of  
Christianity amidst suffering  
there and elsewhere



Thessalonica

Philippi

TROAS

Galatia  
& Phrygia

Antioch

Iconium

Derbe

Lystra

Read about  
Paul's trials in  
Philippi in  
Acts 16

# PAUL & SILAS' JOURNEY

# For our exhortation...

## PAUL'S MOTIVES

- ☑ Without evil intent
- ☑ Without a plan to indulge sin
- ☑ to pass God's test, not man's
- ☑ Without coveting or personal glory
- ☑ To impart truth from God
- ☑ That you would walk worthy of God

## PAUL'S METHOD

- ☑ Without any trickery or dishonesty
- ☑ without flattering words
- ☑ With gentleness & affection
- ☑ With sacrifice
- ☑ With integrity
- ☑ With parental love

**THIS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR  
SAVING SOULS**

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