

# 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.

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The word of God is living  
and active - Heb 4:12

It sanctifies us -  
Jhn 17:17

It creates new  
life - 1 Pet 1:23

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It grows like a seed within  
our lives - Mk 4:26-27

It is our sole weapon in  
spiritual battle - Eph 6:17

It feeds our souls - Heb  
5:12-14

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- I urge you, then, be **imitators** of me. (I Corinthians 4:16)
- Be **imitators** of me, as I am of Christ. (I Corinthians 11:1)
- Therefore be **imitators** of God, as beloved children. (Ephesians 5:1)
- Brothers, join in **imitating** me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (Philippians 3:17)
- And you became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (I Thessalonians 1:6)
- For you yourselves know how you ought to **imitate** us, because we were not idle when we were with you, (II Thessalonians 3:7)
- so that you may not be sluggish, but **imitators** of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Hebrews 6:12)
- Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and **imitate** their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)
- Beloved, do not **imitate** evil but **imitate** good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. (III John 1:11)

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# 1 Thess 2:15-20

they do not please God, and are contrary to men

forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved...

but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost

...but Satan hindered us.

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you... for you are our glory and joy



# 1 Thess 3:1-13

for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this

For now we live, if you stand fast

... and perfect what is lacking in your faith  
**(compare to Timothy's report of good news  
concerning their faith in vs. 6)**

increase and abound in love to one another... that He  
may establish your hearts...



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