

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

1 THESSALONIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To strengthen Christians at Thessalonica in their faith and give them assurance of the return of Jesus.

Author

Paul

Date

Written from Corinth about AD 51

Audience

To the church at Thessalonica and all believers everywhere

Setting

This very young church was being troubled with a misunderstanding concerning the Second Coming of the Lord.

Special Features

Contains a strong apologetic and autobiographical element; exuberant expressions of thanksgiving for people who are living the Christian life correctly; extended teaching on the second coming of Christ, so that even some of the moral exhortations are related to that doctrine; and the conclusion of each chapter with a reference to Christ's second coming.



Key Verses

“Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn’t think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.” (2:13 NLT)

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” (4:16-18 NIV)

Key People

Paul, Timothy, Silas

Key Place

Thessalonica