

# Studies in First Thessalonians

## NT Survey Lesson 79--1 Thessalonians 2

**Introduction:** Acts 17:1-10 give an overview of Paul's preaching work at Thessalonica. It tells of the opposition of the Jews and mentions that some were converted. This chapter in Thessalonians gives us a much fuller picture of what happened when Paul preached at Thessalonica.

**Lesson aim:** To learn how preachers should conduct themselves in preaching the gospel and how Christians should respect the word of God and obey it.

### How Paul preached the gospel--1 Thes. 2:1-12

1. Paul refers to being mistreated in Philippi. Do you remember what happened to Paul and Silas there? What? (See Ac. 16:22-24 for a hint)
2. Did the possibility of persecution in Thessalonica keep Paul from preaching there? How did Paul speak the word in Thessalonica (v. 2)?
3. Who did Paul try to please in his preaching?
4. Did Paul try to win the favor of the Thessalonians by flattery (lying compliments)?
5. Did Paul preach to the Thessalonians in order to get their money?
6. Did Paul want the Thessalonians to glorify or praise him?
7. What did Paul say he and his helpers were like with the Thessalonians?:  
a. a tyrant; b. a business man; c. a parent (a father or mother); d. none of these.
8. Paul, Silas, and Timothy imparted to the Thessalonians the \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What did they do to keep from being a burden to the Thessalonians?

10. In what three ways did they behave toward the believers at Thessalonica?
11. What three things did they do like a father with his children? Why did they do this?

### **How the Thessalonian church accepted the gospel and endured persecution--1 Thes. 2:13-16**

1. The Thessalonians received Paul's message not as the word of \_\_\_\_\_ but as the word of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What happened to the Thessalonians after they received the message of Paul?
3. This made them imitators of what people?
4. Find out what Paul said about the Jews who persecuted Christians in Judea:
  - A. They killed the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. They are hostile to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. They hindered people from preaching the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. They fill up the \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins.
  - E. God's \_\_\_\_\_ has come upon them.

### **How Paul wanted to visit with the Thessalonians again--1 Thes. 2:17-20**

1. Though Paul and his helpers were away from the Thessalonians, did they forget about them?
2. What did Paul say they wanted to do?

3. Who kept Paul from going back to the Thessalonians?
4. Who did Paul say was his hope or joy or crown?