

Outline of I Thessalonians

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- I. Greeting (1:1)
- II. Gratitude for the Conversion of the Thessalonians (1:2-10)
 - a. Moral transformation of the Thessalonians (1:2-5)
 - b. Endurance of suffering by the Thessalonians (1:6)
 - c. Spiritual model provided by the Thessalonians (1:7-10)
- III. Explanation of Paul's Motives and Actions (2:1-12)
 - a. Motives of Paul (2:1-6)
 - b. Actions of Paul (2:7-9)
 - c. Encouragement provided by Paul (2:10-12)
- IV. Relationship of Paul to the Thessalonians (2:13-3:13)
 - a. Gratitude for their endurance of persecution (2:13-16)
 - b. Intense longing to see them again (2:17-20)
 - c. Concern for their stability in facing trial (3:1-5)
 - d. Encouragement in faith during hardship (3:6-10)
 - e. Prayer for spiritual growth (3:11-13)
- V. Confronting Problems Among the Thessalonians (4:1-5:22)
 - a. Need to maintain sexual purity (4:1-8)
 - b. Demonstration of brotherly love (4:9-10)
 - c. Maintenance of diligent habits (4:11-12)
 - d. Concern for believers who died before the parousia (4:13-18)
 - e. Moral preparedness for the Lord's return (5:1-11)
 - f. Demonstrating respect, joy, and discernment (5:12-22)
- VI. Conclusion (5:23-28)