

FIRST STUDY

GREETINGS AND COMMENDATION (I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

1. According to Paul in I Thessalonians 1:6, in what manner did the Thessalonians receive the Word? _____

2. To which believers were the Thessalonians great examples? (I Thessalonians 1:7) _____

3. What were some of the compliments paid to the Thessalonian Church? (I Thessalonians 1:9,10)

PAUL'S METHOD AND PAUL'S GOSPEL (I Thessalonians 2:1-16)

Here Paul begins to reveal to the Thessalonian Church about his method of approach toward them: that it was not in vanity nor deceit or uncleanness, nor in guile. He also reminded them how he and his fellow companions had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated (of which they knew) at Philippi, and how they were bold in their God to speak unto them the Gospel of God with much contention (conflict; controversy) (I Thessalonians 2:1-3).

1. What did Paul say he and his companions were

not in I Thessalonians 2:4? _____

2. In I Thessalonians 2:7, what did Paul say he and his companions were to the Thessalonian believers? _____

3. What was Paul's desire toward them in I Thessalonians 2:8? _____

4. How did Paul and his companions pay their own way in Thessalonica? (I Thessalonians 2:9)

It was required, and a custom, in those times, that each boy learn a trade. Paul was a tent maker (Acts 18:2,3). Paul labored at his trade in the day time and preached at night.

5. In I Thessalonians 2:10, how did Paul and his companions behave themselves among the believers? _____

6. How did the Thessalonian believers receive the Word of God, of which Paul was thankful? (I Thessalonians 2:13) _____

7. (a) What did Paul, the Thessalonian believers, and the believers in Judea share in common? (I Thessalonians 2:14-16) _____

(b) What did the Jews and their countrymen do that caused suffering? (I Thessalonians 2:15,16)

(c) What does Paul say has come upon those who commit such acts? (I Thessalonians 2:16)_____

PAUL'S ABSENCE AND CONCERN (I Thessalonians 2:17,18)

Paul and his companions have a desire to visit the brethren in Thessalonica, and Paul continues by saying, . . . *But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire* (I Thessalonians 2:17; ref. Colossians 2:5; I Corinthians 5:3).

1. Paul, in I Thessalonians 2:18, said that even he had tried to come to visit them more than once, but was hindered. Who hindered him? _____

PAUL'S HOPE, JOY AND THE CROWN OF REJOICING (I Thessalonians 2:19,20)

The "crown of rejoicing" is the soul winner's crown. Every soul winner will shine as the stars forever. *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament* (as lights of heaven); *and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever* (Daniel 12:3; ref. Proverbs 11:30; James 5:20;