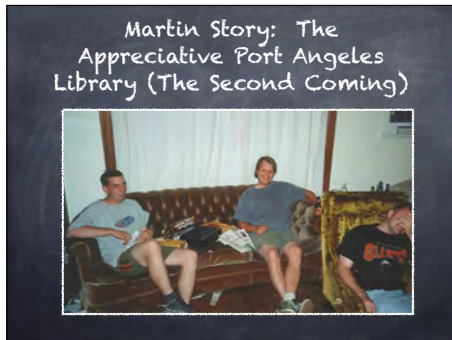




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AUTHOR:

- 1:1, 2:18
- I, Paul,...

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DATE WRITTEN:

- 51 AD?

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RECIPIENTS:

- 1:1
- To the church of the Thessalonians
- written from Corinth? several months after leaving Thessalonica

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TYPE?

- Since it's written in about 51 AD, its Early.

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PURPOSE:

- A. Encourage new converts
- B. Give instruction
- C. Give assurance about believers who die before Christ returns

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KEY VERSE:

- 3:13
- “...so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.” ESV

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KEY CHAPTER (REQUIRED READING):

- 4
- “We ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us **how you ought to walk** and to please God, just as you are doing...”(4:1ESV)

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TCF #1

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- Every chapter _____

- 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:16-17; 5:23

TCF #1

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- Every chapter ends the same:
- 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:16-17; 5:23
- Talks about Christ's second coming

TCF #2

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- Lots of _____
- 4:14-16, lots of other examples

TCF #2

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- Lots of Eschatology: "Study of the End Times"
- 4: 14-16; lots of other examples

TCF #3: THE _____

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- 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord". ESV

TCF #3: THE RAPTURE
(NOT THE RAPTOR, SAM.)

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- 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord". ESV Only place anywhere that this is mentioned. JoGoF?

TCF #4

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- No focus on JoGoF

TCF #5

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- Chapters 1 through 3 are Paul's Reflections
- 1: 4-10, 2:1-3, 3:6-10

TCF #6

- 5:12-22
- Paul's Instructions and Exhortations
- "Please do this, please do that."
- "Pray continually."
- "Give thanks in all circumstances."

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ALSO:

- "...[Paul] praises [the Thessalonians] because they received the gospel from him with such earnestness that they remained steadfast in it despite suffering and persecution, and became a beautiful example of faith to all congregations everywhere"
- --Luther (LW 35:386f) from CCSV 1832

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LIFE LESSONS FROM I THESSALONIANS

- The Thessalonians thought "that Christ would assuredly come in the immediate future, certainly in their own lifetime." (ITBOTB)
- Lutherans don't spend a lot of time studying the end of days. Why do you think this is true?
- What will happen at the end of the world?

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II THESSALONIANS

Epistle of Eschatology

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AUTHOR:

*3:17
*I, Paul,...

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DATE WRITTEN:

*52 AD?

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CONNECTIONS TO ACTS:

* Acts 17:1-15
* Paul's Second Missionary Journey
* Paul & Silas preached at synagogue, converted lots of people ; Jews got angry and started a riot; chased them out of the city; followed them to Berea

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RECIPIENTS:

* 1:1
* To the church of the Thessalonians
* written from Corinth? one year? after leaving Thessalonica

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PURPOSE:

- *Follow up on his 1st letter
- *Clear up misunderstandings about the end of the World

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KEY VERSE:

*2:8

*“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing the appearance of his coming”. ESV

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KEY CHAPTER:

*2

*Man of Lawlessness will come before Christ's Second Coming-- Christ isn't necessarily coming today; live your life normally, no one knows the hour of His return

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TCF #1

- *Massive blast of _____
- *38% of the verses deal with the End Times (C_____'s R_____, C____ of E____, E____)
- *_____ out of 47 verses

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TCF #1

- *Massive blast of eschatology
- *38% of the verses deal with the End Times (Christ's return, Coming of Evil, Eternity)
- *18 out of 47 verses

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TCF #2

- *Slightly different eschatology:
- *In I Thessalonians, the focus is on the dead rising when Christ returns--assurance of eternal life
- *In II Thessalonians, the focus is on s_____ f_____ in the G_____, living G__-_____ lives

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TCF #2

- *Slightly different eschatology:
- *In I Thessalonians, the focus is on the dead rising when Christ returns--assurance of eternal life
- *In II Thessalonians, the focus is on standing firm in the Gospel, living God-pleasing lives

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TCF #3

- *Corrects the following misunderstanding: 2: 1-12 (2:2)
- *Jesus isn't _____;
- *"Be prepared, but don't quit your day job"

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TCF #3

- *Corrects the following misunderstanding: 2: 1-12 (2:2)
- *Jesus isn't coming today; some events have to happen first.
- *"Be prepared, but don't quit your day job"

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TCF #4

- *What events?
- *2: 3, 2:7, 2:8, 2:9
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L___ O___, T___ M
___ o___ L___

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TCF #4

- *What events?
- *2: 3, 2:7, 2:8, 2:9
- *The coming of the Lawless One, the Man of Lawlessness

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TCF #5

- *Not a lot of focus on Gospel
- *Not much JoGoF
- *Not much about Christ's love
- *These are main themes in almost all of Paul's writings, but almost none here.

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TCF #6

*Paul goes out of his way to say that this is an e_____c_____

*1: 3-7

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TCF #6

*Paul goes out of his way to say that this is an exemplary church

*1: 3-7


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Activity to Remember

True / False Trivia

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LIFE LESSONS FROM II THESSALONIANS



* II Thessalonians "addresses another problem: If Christ's return is imminent, why be concerned about life and work in this present world? Why not just sit down and wait?" (TTBOTB).

* What is the Christian life all about?

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