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1 Thessalonians

What is the book of 1 Thessalonians?

- The book of 1 Thessalonians is a letter from Paul. Silas and Timothy helped Paul write it.
- It's thought that Paul wrote this letter from Corinth around the year AD 51.
- The New Testament includes two letters from Paul to the church in Thessalonica. This is the first letter.

Who was 1 Thessalonians written to?

- To the believers in the city of Thessalonica. Some were Jews but most were Gentiles.
- The letter was read out loud in the churches all around the area of Thessalonica.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 1 Thessalonians shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was 1 Thessalonians written?

- To share Paul's joy that the Thessalonians were staying faithful to Jesus.
- To explain Paul's work among them.
- To answer questions that Thessalonian believers had asked Paul. These questions were about death and about Jesus' return to earth.

Main ideas

- Paul encourages the church in Thessalonica.
- Paul's work as an apostle.
- Instructions about holy living.
- Jesus' return to earth.

Outline

Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' faith (1).

Paul explains his work as an apostle in Thessalonica (2:1 – 3:10).

Paul prays for the Thessalonians (3:11–13).

Paul encourages the Thessalonians (4:1 – 5:22).

Final greetings (5:23–28).