

# Wycliffe Associates

## Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

### *1 Thessalonians*

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# 1:1-10

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote this letter to the church in Thessalonica. [1:1]
- ☐ Paul gave thanks for the faith, hope and love of the believers in Thessalonica. [1:2-3]
- ☐ The gospel came to them in power in the Holy Spirit and in assurance. [1:4-5]
- ☐ The believers in Thessalonica became an example throughout Macedonia and Achaia. [1:6-9]
- ☐ Paul thanked God because the Thessalonians turned away from idols in order to serve the living God who rescued them from the wrath of God. [1:9-10]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul always remember before God concerning the Thessalonians? [1:2-3]  
Paul remembered their work of faith, their labor of love, and their patience of hope.
2. How did Paul describe the way the gospel came to them? [1:5]  
The gospel came to them in power in the Holy Spirit and in assurance.
3. What was happening to the believers when they received the word of the gospel? [1:6]  
They were experiencing much tribulation.
4. To whom did Paul say the believers became an example? [1:7]  
They became an example to the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.
5. What happened to the word of the Lord after the Thessalonians received it? [1:8]  
The word of God spread, and people everywhere heard about their faith in God.
6. What were the Thessalonians worshiping before they became believers in the true God? [1:9]  
They were worshiping idols.
7. On whom were the Thessalonians waiting? [1:10]  
They were waiting for Jesus to come from heaven.
8. From what was Jesus rescuing the believers? [1:10]  
Jesus was rescuing believers from God's wrath.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:1-12

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul reminded the believers in Thessalonica how he and his companions spoke the Word of God boldly to them. [2:1-3]
- ☐ Paul said they did not speak the word of God in order to gain money or glory for themselves. [2:4-6]
- ☐ Instead, Paul and his companions cared for the believers like parents caring for their children. [2:7-11]
- ☐ Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to walk worthy of God's calling. [2:12]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul describe his visit to the Thessalonians? [2:1]  
Paul said his visit was not useless. This means he had success among the Thessalonians when he preached to them.
2. What did Paul say happened in Philippi? [2:2]  
Paul and his companions suffered and were treated shamefully.
3. How did Paul defend the truthfulness of his ministry? [2:3]  
Paul said his ministry was not from error, impure motives, or deceit.
4. Who did Paul desire to please with his preaching of the gospel? [2:4]  
Paul desired to please God.
5. What did Paul not do in his preaching of the gospel? [2:5]  
Paul did not use flattery, nor seek glory from people.
6. How did Paul treat the Thessalonians when he was among them? [2:7]  
Paul was gentle with the Thessalonians like a mother or father with their own children.
7. What did Paul and his companions do so that they were not a burden to the Thessalonians? [2:9]  
Paul said they worked night and day so that they would not be a burden to them as they preached the gospel of God.
8. How did Paul describe his behavior, and the behavior of those with him, toward the believers in Thessalonica?? [2:10]  
Their conduct was holy, righteous, and blameless.
9. How did Paul urge the Thessalonians to walk? [2:12]  
Paul urged them to walk in a manner worthy of God.

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 continued**

10. What do you think Paul meant by urging the believers to “walk” in a manner worthy of God? [2:12]  
When Paul used the word “walk”, he spoke about the way in which a person behaved or lived.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:13-20

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Thessalonians received Paul's message as the Word of God. [2:13]
- ☐ The Thessalonians imitated Paul, the Lord, and the churches in Judea by suffering like they did. [2:14-15]
- ☐ Paul said that the Jews who hindered him from preaching to the Gentiles will, in the end, experience God's wrath. [2:16]
- ☐ Paul longed to visit the Thessalonians, but he was prevented by Satan. [2:17-18]
- ☐ The Thessalonians were Paul's crown of glory and joy which will be shown when the Lord returns. [2:20]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did the Thessalonians receive the message Paul preached to them? [2:13]  
The Thessalonians received the message as the word of God, not as the word of man.
2. Who did the believers in Thessalonica imitate? [2:14]  
The Thessalonians imitated the churches in Judea because they both were persecuted for the sake of Christ.
3. What did the unbelieving Jews do which did not please God? [2:15-16]?  
They persecuted the churches in Judea, killed Jesus and the prophets, drove out Paul, and told Paul that he must not speak to the Gentiles.
4. How did Paul say God would deal with the Jews who opposed the gospel? [2:16]  
In the end they would experience God's wrath.
5. Why was Paul not able to come to the Thessalonians even though that was his wish? [2:18]  
Paul was not able to come because Satan stopped him.
6. What was Paul's hope, joy, and crown of pride both then, and when the Lord returns? [2:19-20]  
Paul's hope, joy, and pride was the Thessalonian believers themselves.
7. What do you think Paul meant when he said the Thessalonians would be a "crown of glory" when the Lord returns? [2:19-20]  
Perhaps Paul meant the Thessalonians would be like a crown that he would be proud to wear. Perhaps Paul meant the Thessalonians were believers because of his work among them, and he would be proud when he presents them to Jesus.

**Comment Section:**

## 3:1-13

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul sent Timothy to the Thessalonians to strengthen and comfort them, and to learn if they were still strong in their faith. [3:1-5]
- ☐ Timothy returned with good news about the Thessalonians' faith. [3:6-9]
- ☐ Paul prayed that he would be able to visit the Thessalonians himself. [3:10-11]
- ☐ Paul prayed that the Thessalonians would increase and abound in love toward one another. [3:12]
- ☐ Paul prayed that the Thessalonians would be prepared for the Lord's return. [3:13]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul do, even though he was left behind in Athens? [3:1-2]  
Paul sent Timothy to strengthen and comfort the believers in Thessalonica.
2. How did Paul describe Timothy? [3:2]  
Paul called him "our brother and fellow worker for God in the gospel of Christ."
3. To what did Paul say he was appointed? [3:3]  
Paul said that he was appointed to tribulations.
4. What do you think Paul meant when he said he was appointed to afflictions? [3:3]  
Perhaps Paul meant that it was God's will for him to suffer for preaching the Gospel.
5. When did Paul tell the Thessalonians about suffering? [3:4]  
When Paul was with them, he told them in advance that they were about to suffer.
6. Why did Paul want to know about the faith of the Thessalonians? [3:5]  
Paul was concerned that somehow the devil had tempted them to stop believing the Gospel.
7. What comforted Paul when Timothy returned from Thessalonica? [3:6-7]  
Paul was comforted to hear the good news of the Thessalonians' faith and love, and that they longed to see him.
8. Paul said that he lived if the Thessalonians did what? [3:8]  
He lived if the Thessalonians stood firm in the Lord.
9. What did Paul pray for night and day? [3:10-11]  
Paul prayed that he might see the Thessalonians and provide what was lacking in their faith.
10. Into what did Paul pray that God would make the Thessalonians increase? [3:12]  
Paul prayed they would increase in love toward one another and toward all people.

**1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 continued**

11. What event did Paul want the Thessalonians to be prepared for by having their hearts blameless in holiness? [3:13]  
Paul wanted the Thessalonians to be prepared for Jesus' return.

**Comment Section:**

# 4:1-12

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul urged the Thessalonians to do what pleased God as Paul had taught them. [4:1-2]
- ☐ God's will for the believers was to live holy lives and not to do what was sexually immoral. [4:3-5]
- ☐ Whoever rejected God's commands also rejected God. [4:6-8]
- ☐ Paul urged the Thessalonians to continue to walk in brotherly love. [4:9-10]
- ☐ Paul urged the Thessalonians to live quiet lives and take care of their own responsibilities. [4:11-12]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What instructions did Paul give the Thessalonian regarding their walk? [4:1-2]  
Paul had instructed them how they must live and please God.
2. What did Paul say was God's will for the Thessalonians? [4:3-5]  
Paul said God's will for the Thessalonians was for them to be holy and for them to avoid sexual immorality.
3. What do you think Paul meant when he refers to a "vessel"? [4:4]  
Paul meant a vessel represented a person's body.
4. What did Paul say about possessing their own vessels? [4:4-5]  
Believers should possess their own vessels in holiness and honor, and not act according to their lust.
5. What did Paul say about a man who transgressed his brother? [4:6]  
Paul said the Lord was an avenger in all those things.
6. How did God call believers to live? [4:7]  
God called believers to live in holiness not uncleanness.
7. Who did a person reject who rejected the call to holiness? [4:8]  
A person who rejected the call to holiness rejected God.
8. Why did the Thessalonians have no need for anyone to write to them about brotherly love? [4:9]  
They were taught by God to love one another.
9. What did Paul want the Thessalonians to do even more? [4:10]  
Paul wanted the Thessalonians to love one another even more.
10. What were the Thessalonians to do so that they walked properly before unbelievers? [4:11]  
The Thessalonians were to live quietly, take care of their own responsibilities, and labor with their hands.

**Comment Section:**



# 4:13-18

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote to comfort the Thessalonians about those among them who died. [4:13-14]
- ☐ When Jesus returns, those who died will rise to meet Jesus first, then those still alive will meet Jesus in the clouds. [4:15-17]
- ☐ Paul told the Thessalonians to comfort each other with what he wrote. [4:18]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What do you think Paul meant when he talked about those who sleep? [4:13]  
Paul was talking about those who had died.
2. What was the hope for those who fell asleep in Jesus? [4:14]  
God will bring with Jesus those who fell asleep in Christ.
3. What did Paul say about those still alive when Jesus returns? [4:15]  
They will not go to meet Jesus before those who have died.
4. How will the Lord descend from heaven? [4:16]  
The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout of the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God.
5. Who did Paul say would rise first, and then who would rise together with them? [4:16-17]  
Paul said that the dead in Christ would rise first, then those who were still alive would be caught up with them.
6. What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to do with his teaching about those who had fallen asleep? [4:18]  
Paul told the Thessalonians to comfort one another with his words.

**Comment Section:**

# 5:1-11

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote to encourage the Thessalonians about the day of the Lord. [5:1]
- ☐ Paul said the day of the Lord would come suddenly, like a thief in the night. [5:2-3]
- ☐ Paul told the Thessalonians to remain alert and faithful so they would be ready for the Lord's return. [5:4-8]
- ☐ God did not destine believers for wrath, but for salvation. [5:9-11]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul say the day of the Lord would come? [5:2]  
Paul said the day of the Lord would come like a thief in the night.
2. What will some people be saying when sudden destruction comes upon them? [5:3]  
Some people will be saying, "Peace and safety."
3. Why did Paul say the day of the Lord should not overtake the believers like a thief? [5:4-5]  
It should not overtake them because the believers were not in darkness, but were sons of the light.
4. What do you think Paul meant when he talked about "light" and "darkness"? [5:4-5]  
Here Paul used the word "light" to talk about things that are holy, righteous, and belong to God, and the word "darkness" to talk about things that are sinful and belong to Satan.
5. What did Paul tell the believers to do regarding the coming day of the Lord? [5:6]  
Paul told them to remain sober and alert.
6. What were believers to do since they belonged to the day and not the night? [5:8]  
They were to put on faith and love as a breastplate and the hope of salvation as a helmet.
7. For what are the believers destined by God? [5:9]  
They are destined by God for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. Why did Paul tell the Thessalonians to encourage and build each other up? [5:10-11]  
They were to encourage each other because Christ died for believers, and all of them would live with him, whether they were dead or alive when he returned.

**Comment Section:**

# 5:12-28

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul told the Thessalonians to acknowledge those who labored among them and esteem their leaders who instructed them. [5:12-13]
- ☐ The believers were told to warn the idle and encourage the weaker brothers among them. [5:14]
- ☐ Paul told the believers not to repay evil for evil. [5:15]
- ☐ The believers were told to not quench the Spirit and not despise prophecies, but to test everything. [5:19-21]
- ☐ Paul commanded that this letter be read to all the brothers in the church. [5:27]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What attitude did Paul say the believers should have toward those who were over them in the Lord? [5:12-13]  
Paul said that they should acknowledge and highly regard them in love.
2. How were the Thessalonians to minister to other church members? [5:14]  
Paul said to warn those who were lazy, encourage the discouraged, help the weak and be patient to all.
3. What did Paul tell believers to do when evil was done to them? [5:15]  
Paul told them to pursue what was good for one another and for all.
4. What did Paul say was God's will for the Thessalonians? [5:16-18]  
They were to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks to the Lord for everything.
5. What did Paul tell them not to do? [5:19]  
He told them not to quench the Spirit.
6. What do you think it meant to "quench the Spirit"? [5:19]  
Perhaps Paul meant that no one should ignore or stop doing what the Spirit tells them to do, or discourage someone else to ignore or stop doing what the Spirit tells them to do, such as praying or expressing thanks.
7. What instructions did Paul give the believers about prophecies? [5:20-21]  
Paul instructed the believers not to despise prophecies, but to test all things, and to hold on to that which was good.
8. What did Paul ask God to do for the believers? [5:23]  
Paul asked the God of peace to sanctify them completely, that their spirit, soul, and body might be blameless for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. What did Paul ask of the Thessalonians? [5:25]  
Paul asked the brothers to pray for them.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 continued**

10. What command did Paul write? [5:27]

Paul commanded them by the Lord to have his letter read to all the brothers.

11. What did Paul ask for the believers in 5:28?

Paul asked that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ would be with the believers.

**Comment Section:**