

# Questions from the Text of Dr. Paul's second contemporary history to the Thessalonia Kingdom of Jesus.

(known as 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians)

Every study of someone's writings requires the reader or speaker to read it in its entirety, at least the first time it is examined. This Letter, thus, due to the vast importance of Its Message (which It will mention several times), has to be dealt with by good study practices. The act of 'reading' takes about 5 minutes, but the correct method of study will require a much lengthier time. Having the correct tools will always make for a good study, just as all jobs do.

Tools are:

1) Best English Text of the Letter-Mc Cord's 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (at: [thecontemporaryhistoryofjesus.com](http://thecontemporaryhistoryofjesus.com) or in book form at: [maxmoorej@gmail.com](mailto:maxmoorej@gmail.com) for \$20.00 + shipping).

2) Other English Versions recommended to compare and stimulate deeper English study: The Living Oracles 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition-Alex Campbell 1836, online, or order thru bookstores; Young's Literal Translation-Dr. Young (about 1890; available on: Bible Gateway.com), ASV-best of the modern era would be translations.

3) Young's Concordance- you must learn to use each section of it correctly, that it can be the kind of tool it was designed by Dr. Young to be. With it you need a good older KJV (but not for accurate study, only for word recognition)

4) NIV Interlinear (The older ones prior to removal of the initial 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the NIV [1973] are of great use. The Acts 2:38 partly correct rendering was influenced by Dr. McCord in the initial Edition, which was reverted back to the incorrect translation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in 1979. The future Interlinears of the NIV, up to around 1987, continued to use the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition's Text, making them a great tool to assist seeing how the translators had a lack of integrity and cannot be trusted with anyone's eternal decisions, Dr. McCord would agree (and did). If they 'interpret' the Text of God, instead of 'translating' It, they take a position of god! "Many of you must not become teachers, my brothers, knowing we will be judged more strictly..."-in James' contemporary history. Also, Jesus in His last public lesson in John's contemporary history of

Jesus, reveals Jesus declaring to the Jewish audience in the Temple that He came not to judge the world but rather to save it (This is a paraphrase of His last speech on the matter in the 14<sup>th</sup> Thought of John's history). Jesus, then, makes an astonishing declaration to this crowd in Jerusalem, "He who rejects Me and does not receive My Sayings, has One Who judges him: the Message which I have spoken will judge him on the last Day."

He will rule from heaven's highest and greatest Throne and mankind will judge themselves by their lack of correct response to His new Way, which He will teach through the inspired Apostles and Prophets orally and then in print. Either way, It was His New Covenant Way that judged them by their response to It. Apostles and Prophets all died off, but not until they had produced by exact 'Guide' from the Holy Spirit (by using their own words) the New Covenant of Jesus, as It is His 'tool' for determining who is in His Kingdom, no matter the place or time, until He returns. He will use It and only It for the Judge of whether any soul enters His eternal Kingdom (His own Words).

5. Bible Atlas and Bible history guides-DO NOT use any Commentaries by anyone! Do your own study. Some do have good history materials and that is good to know, but not their understanding of the Text, that needs to be yours and yours alone. If you 'study' through the Text of the New Covenant correctly, 25 times, you might be ready to compare their uninspired ideas to the Text, but not before. DO YOUR OWN STUDY!

6. 'Variants' in the Greek Text and the English Text (They must be studied to accomplish a good Text study! There are many flaws in the 'group interpretations': NIV, NKJ, NASV, RSV, etc.), which are all well known by many scholars, but who have used their judgement to develop the text as they see fit. This always, thus far, means that their 'denominational' beliefs determine how to 'interpret' the Greek Text and many times the English interpretation. The best example is the use of the English word-Easter in Acts 12:4. The Greek word in English is Passover. How could so-called scholars make such a mistake? There was no English language in AD 46-96, as it began about the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The English 'translators' wanted to add Easter, so the claim of that holiday could be made. There was no 'holiday' given in the New Covenant, so they just added it by interpretation, since the common man would never know the difference! Any wonder the claim of being without integrity best defines "scholarship"? There are many such 'interpretations' in all modern translations. Only a few were really honest 'translators' and in large coop formats for making new translations, they were mostly outvoted for denominational needs in the interpretations of the Greek Text and English.

There, though, have been a couple through the ages of special note: William Tyndale and Alexander Campbell (hundreds of years apart). Tyndale translated the very first English Text from Greek and the Church of England murdered him because of the translation. It is hidden and has vanished. Campbell's-The Living Oracles 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of 1836 is still findable and is in 'open domain', so buy or download It when you find It. It has many changes of accurate and notable differences to the regular Text format. He was (It is said) to have been allowed to view Tyndale's 1525 English Text.

The latest is the best! THD (for 50 years) Hugo McCord, when mentioned among scholars, was the highest of respected men. He never compromised the Greek nor English in any speech or in print. He held to the Text, period. His brethren in the churches of Christ hounded him often about his position on English translation, where their traditions did not hold up under comparison to the Greek Text nor their favorite English text, as he frequently would point out to them. He would not accept an appointment of a Book to translate in the NIV work of the early 1970s but was agreeable to assist the Executive Board in the final cuts of all Books. He had little effect on their liberal, non-textual idea, but did in the initial Acts 2:38 (changed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition due to the outcry of the denominations. The Executive Board, led by DR. Brown, said they had a correct translation of Acts2:38 and would under no circumstance change it! But, with threat of rejection, and that they would stop all purchase of the NIV by most denominations [They said the translation made the Church of Christ correct and everyone else wrong], so in 1979 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition went back to "for" instead of the accurate translation.) Dr. McCord, during those years, developed his own translation for a model of what he thought they ought to translate at a 9<sup>th</sup> grade level English, if they wanted to be accurate to the Greek Text. He fought for it continually but was rejected, mostly.

He put out his own translation, then, in opposition of the NIV ( by late 70s-1<sup>st</sup> edition) and its horrible mistakes that were mostly known to be errors by the scholars involved, yet were accepted for this universal English translation (which in truth is a denominational 'interpretation' and not a 'translation'.)

Dr. McCord went farther in correct translation of the Koine Greek than anyone yet. His problem was that he had no resources for continually updating his Text. It, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1989), had few mistakes, but could be worded better. He continued to accumulate the desired changes he would like to include and even mentioned some in his continuing speaking opportunities. He only had one way to update those desired improvements. His English Text was being used and distributed through a correspondence English School, named World English School. It was used in China, East Europe and Mexico. It had about a million known students with extensions

around the globe. They and brother McCord allowed free use of the Text and the many corrections. Since it updated, then, to a computer school, it was possible to update the McCord Text without great expense. It was done in accord with his desires, knowledge, and permission. To date it is still growing and is still free to all students. One can even download the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the McCord English Text, after they complete the 'Remedial Reading' Section of the online school. (There is also a web site: [thecontemporaryhistoryofjesus.com](http://thecontemporaryhistoryofjesus.com) that allows downloading with a contextual question study (modeled after Dr. McGarvey in the Univ. of Kentucky in the late 1800s.) of each Book in the McCord Text.) It is all free, as this was brother McCord's wish and WES', making it available to all folks across the globe. The hope is to make this Text available to 100,000,000 souls by 2025 in the present school format.

Dr, McCord did one other thing that is of great value to anyone's study. He revealed in an "Appendix" each Text of the New Covenant in English, with all the changes he had included through the last printed 5<sup>th</sup> edition. This is his way of staying open and seeable to the student of the changes he was certain needed improvement or changes. He passed in 2004, and though we had many other ideas and improvements to his English Text, they had not been put out (except in the approved ESL program). We have studied, reviewed and gone through many dvds, lessons, and articles by him and finished in this 9<sup>th</sup> edition a dramatic number of ideas and improvements he had shared with us at WES. Less you think we are making money on these, the complete school, all the materials (including THD Hugo McCord's) are of no monetary cost to anyone desiring to use them. That will not change. The point is that brother McCord has a tremendous tool for "variant" studies for those not able to use Koine Greek. So, use it in your personal study! Also, this 'Appendix' will increase to hopefully include all the changes and improvements used, up through the 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

These are the 'tools' necessary for textual study. If you have some use of the Greek language, then, there are many extra 'tools' of great value for your study. Our hope is that each of you continue to improve your study, each time you go through each Book of Jesus' New Covenant.

#### Introduction to 1 Thessalonians Questions:

1. The first requirement of any student of any material is to read the text in its entire

package? Y/N \_\_\_

2. The next step is to have an excellent study method. Just reading is not ever a good study

method. You need to discern exactly what is being discussed and how the Text defines the

topic or 'theme' of the Text? Y/N \_\_\_

3. The Holy Spirit is the best teacher of His method! Anyone that thinks he or she is as good

of a teacher as the Holy Spirit has major ego problems and ought to be shunned? T/F \_\_\_

4. His method begins with simply noticing the "Thoughts" that make up each Letter He wrote.

You will need a pencil and paper to take notes on the Thoughts? Y/N \_\_\_

5. Take time to study each word, phrase and idea presented in the first Thought, until you

discern exactly what He is revealing in the first Thought (every Letter is different)? Y/N \_\_\_

6. Move on to the second Thought and do the same thing. You will still need to use a pencil

and paper (or computer) for notes, as you continue to glean what is being discussed. You

ought, also, to notice some tie or relation to the first Thought (and likely the third one, at

least), as the Holy Spirit usually does that? Y/N \_\_\_

7. If this is your first time using this method of study, it will become much easier as you cover

the Text multiple times, which is of course, God's goal. This is His only method of 'talking'

to (and with) you and knows that man is a very forgetful creature. We need repetition to

get things correct, often. His goal is daily communication with each of us. His method is

obviously, the best, no matter what preacher say or do. If you allow Him to have

communication with you (and do your part-praying and reforming) each day, as your

priority for your day (your likeness to Jesus in talking, acting, thinking and by what

motivated Him), the relationship will be genuine, looked forward to, ever improving

your reforms, pleasing to Him and making you more and more useful to Him in your service

to Him and His Cause? Y/N \_\_\_

8. TOOLS! TOOLS! TOOLS! You need the correct tools for doing any job well. If you do not

have these that are about to be mentioned, get them! They are not a lot of money and

mostly, today, are free. You need a few good tools to insure you are not being misled by

poor or misinformed or intentional false teachings. This is imperative or you will be

manipulated by others, which is not acceptable to God, and is your responsibility to insure

you take charge of your understanding of Jesus' new Way (only the New Covenant is His

correct source, not uninspired men or women that still claim the Holy Spirit

moves them (or not!). If their teaching disagrees with what the Holy Spirit has written

(Jesus' New Covenant), should they be teachers, and more so, how can their "spirit" teach

them doctrines and ideas that are different than what is written in the Holy Spirit's New

Covenant? Get the 'tools' mentioned, and you will begin to overcome your lack of

studying correctly? Y/N \_\_\_

9. There are six (6) tools mentioned: 1) McCord's 9<sup>th</sup> edition (the best English Translation of

the first century AD Koine Greek Text-the New Covenant) and how to get It, 2) Other

English versions and how to have them available, 3) Young's Bible Concordance (must

study index info to see how to correctly use this great tool for Bible study), 4) NIV

Interlinear (a must to have and the ones printed prior to 1986 are still findable, which allow

you to see how unbelievable dishonest scholarship was and is. Keep looking for one, until

you have one, 5) A Bible Atlas with maps and history are of tremendous value and used to

learn the times of history, 6) Variants (you noticed that the 'Appendix' in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of

Dr. McCord's English Text is a wonderful tool for studying 'variants', as he mentions many

and why he changed them ('The Living Oracles by Alex. Campbell, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, also has an

'Introduction' and 'Appendix' of equally great use.) Should you seek these 'tools' out to

begin and improve your study? Y/N \_\_\_

10. When you decide to do deeper study and learn the Greek Alphabet, you can add several

new 'tools' to improve the depth of your study, but not necessarily your knowledge of His

new Way, found only in the New Covenant. Dr. McCord's Text is 95%+ accurate to the

Greek Text of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, while most others range from 60-70%. The few mistakes

or needed improvements in Dr. McCord's 9<sup>th</sup> edition are not matters of learning or

maintaining a pleasing relationship with God, Who gives us salvation, but rather just makes

a few things more readable or improves the understanding of Koine Greek into English?

Y/N \_\_\_

Dr. Paul's first (1<sup>st</sup>) Thought

1. Did you compare these opening remarks to the other (earlier) Letter to them? (Take a

moment to do so)? Y/N \_\_\_

2. The only difference is the repeat of the last remark, which is a repeat of the same remark

earlier in the Letter? Y/N \_\_\_

3. So, after mulling the 'opening' over and comparing to the first Letter, are they saying the

same things in his opening? Y/N \_\_\_

4. It seems that at this 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter writing, he knows they are very aware, by now, that Grace

and peace are in our God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ? Y/N \_\_\_

5. Too, there is still only one congregation, as all saints were converted, trained, organized,

and work together; adding new saints as they become part of Jesus' Kingdom (His called

-out group)? Y/N \_\_\_

6. If you were to go back into the various 'pagan' religions and study the Jewish Scriptures

(where their religion is defined), you would not find but a very few times where the Jews

referred to their God (Hebrew name is Yahweh) as "Father" (Same in pagan religions.). Yet



in the New Covenant record of Jesus' time on Earth, He used "Father" much, which

continues in the guided writers of the New Covenant. Dr. Paul uses 'Father' 9 times in

these two short Letters, meaning that he and the others had made the Thessalonian

congregation knowledgeable that God the Father sees us in Jesus' Kingdom as His sons and

daughters? Y/N \_\_\_

7. In this opening remark (as in the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter), Dr. Paul also refers to Jesus with two clear

defining words about Who He is: 1) He is Lord, meaning He is to those in His Kingdom

(and all of mankind) the Only and the Unique King. The word 'lord' was applied to many

different kinds of bosses or leaders, but theses all pale in comparison to Jesus. There,

actually, is not and cannot be any genuine comparison. Jesus' Lordship or Kingship is far

superior to all and is the highest, most powerful, and in every way and detail in control of

all things. When Dr. Paul names Jesus-Lord-he is personally cognizant of His Majesty and

has assisted those in the Thessalonica congregation to understand Jesus, as well? T/F \_\_\_

8. The use of the Greek word "Christ" in this (and other) continuing definition of Jesus' special

position among all revealed entities that have ever been (remember Jesus became 'flesh',

but was part of the eternal Godhead [a Spirit] prior to that change), also in Hebrew is

'Messiah'. Dr. Paul both knew and understood the incredible uniqueness of the Messiah.

He (like Jesus) would define from the Scriptures (Jewish Holy Book) all the uses, definitions

and illustrations in It, that referred to the Messiah and His Kingdom. These, in the

Thessalonian congregation, had, from Dr. Paul (and likely the Holy Spirit, as well), received

a complete coverage from the Text (old Scriptures) concerning Jesus as the "Messiah".

They would come to know and understand Him. Too, His Cause and reason for coming

among men. Also, the details of His service and sacrifice.

The Jews in Thessalonica that converted would need to receive new information that

explained the difference in the King and His Kingdom, that they expected, as He had been

defined by the Jewish leaders, and what the Scriptures actually said about Him. Dr. Paul

and his team were capable of handling such discussions on those details, as needed (You

can see this in Dr. Paul's many discussions in his various contemporary histories about Jews

and their Law). The real goal, though, was to assure that each new convert to Jesus'

Kingdom had a clear, complete and usable understanding of the uniqueness of His

Messiahship (or being the only, genuine given Messiah for the potential salvation of any

and all that will submit to His special Lordship and Christhood of all mankind? T/F \_\_\_

Dr. Paul's second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thought

1. Here we can compare, also, the opening 'thoughts' of this Letter to the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter. Yes, he

Did address the same way (but not identical)? Y/N \_\_\_

2. This 'Thought', too, has a different prayer, meaning what he now is praying concerning

them. The 1<sup>st</sup> Letter emphasized their work of 'the Faith', love of one another (active) and

their endurance because of the abuse they were handling. He spoke to them, encouraging

them to keep 'growing' and 'increasing' and that he hoped they would always be counted

worthy. Now, after many months of persecution in their service to Jesus, Dr. Paul has no

need to repeat that. Instead, he prays for them 'in' their: 1) work of 'the Faith', 2) labor of

the Love, and 3) their steadfastness of the Hope. These folks were now not learning but

leading and living correctly? Y/N \_\_\_

3. They have not forgotten, waived, denied, or overlooked their continuing greatest goal:

"Stay a Beloved One of our God and Father"! Which of course, meant that Jesus was to

constantly be maintained by each of them as 'Lord' and "Christ" in their: thoughts, speech,

actions and their motivations? T/F \_\_\_

4. It was obvious to Dr. Paul that they were 'chosen' of and by God, which is what they all

desired and exhorted each other (and others outside the Kingdom) to maintain,

throughout their days (good and bad ones)? T/F \_\_\_

5. He, here, notes that when he and his team came (and followed-up) and evangelized the

Good News about Jesus and His Kingdom, they did not think it was just 'words', but what it

actually was, God's? Y/N \_\_\_

6. He will mention, now, the four major things that they all embraced, which convicted them

to subject themselves to the living God and His Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus, up to the

day he wrote this Letter? Y/N \_\_\_

7. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) thing he mentions, that affected them is just what you would expect it to be,

and it made clear the difference between 'speech' and 'Truth' (reality): The seeable and

feelable "power" that accompanied these men while speaking to them. We are not given

the exact miraculous works done nor who or how many Dr. Paul laid his hands upon, but

by this comment ('power'), it was much more than powerful preaching! They witnessed

and received this 'power', he is mentioning here (just as he distributed in the Galatian

work)? T/F \_\_\_

8. He secondly (2<sup>ndly</sup>) expresses that they became aware of and came to understand that all

those things done and experienced were given from the Holy Spirit, Who was personally

representing God's Throne and working with Dr. Paul and his team (and now with and

through many of them)? T/F \_\_\_

9. Thirdly (3<sup>rdly</sup>), this amazing interaction and activity by the Spirit and these men, along with

the wonderful, clear, sensible MESSAGE, caused them to all receive great assurance of the

King-Jesus and His Kingdom. It was certainly the answer to all things reasonable and

proven before their eyes to be His new Way. Their 'assurance' was both in the MESSAGE

and in the reforms expected from It, as they pleased God in their doing of them. The

'reward' of their activity, also, to them was 'assured'? T/F \_\_\_

10. Fourthly (4thly), The incredible level of conviction, zeal, encouragement, exhortation and

courageousness, exemplified by Dr. Paul and his team, all due to their own personal trust,

love, and confidence in what they were representing and evangelizing, had a tremendous

effect upon the folks in Thessalonica? Y/N \_\_\_

11. Dr. Paul and his team always represented Jesus and taught His Kingdom correctly, while

living and exhibiting Jesus in every area of their lives, because they lived for Him and His

Cause (the evangelism of every soul, giving them the opportunity to make a clear choice of

serving the living God and His Son-Jesus, correctly, or not.). Their level of courage and

ability to confront, even the most difficult souls, due to their actual worth in God's mind,

made them the almost perfect example to imitate (of Jesus' likeness). And here, Dr. Paul

is acknowledging their accomplishment in doing so and their exciting zeal to accomplish

this for Jesus' honor. They had and were, even in very abusive situations, continuing in the

correct work as the Holy Spirit was directing them to do? T/F \_\_\_

12. He, now, complements them, as being, thus, a marvelous correct example to all the

congregations of Jesus' Kingdom across the provinces around them? Y/  
N \_\_\_

13. Yet, he had one giant area of their expression of exactly what Dr. Paul, the Holy Spirit, and

Jesus had commanded for each person in the Kingdom (and congregation): They were

expanding the Kingdom and the awareness of it to everyone, methodically, zealously, just

as they were taught to do by Jesus (and those that correctly represent Him)? Y/N \_\_\_

14. Their correct representation of 'the Faith' was everywhere that Dr. Paul from Corinth was

going out to evangelize. Each new, untaught (he thought) city he approached, amazed

him, because they claimed they had already been taught by folks from Thessalonica, about

the Good News and that they had, themselves, converted through Dr. Paul's evangelizing

them? Y/N \_\_\_

15. Dr. Paul, in this wonderful remark about them, tells of the six (6) basis Truths that they

shared with these cities. It seems to be Dr. Paul's congratulations for their correctness and

clarity in their Message of the Good News of Jesus. They are: 1) How they all had turned

from idols, 2) and now were 'serving' (Action and reform were necessary to be servants of

Jesus, their new Lord.) the true (saw clearly now that Yahweh [Jewish God] was the only

God of reality) and living (all others are not living, only hoax) God, 3) He, also, is the only

God that proves (not just 'claims') He has the power to reward a person's service (if they

are by His commands in His New Covenant-only), 4) as, His Son-Jesus-will return to be

honored by His Kingdom and judge all those that lived and denied Him (God) with an

eternal judgement. 5) He proves all this is accurate and can be trusted, because He,

Himself resurrected Jesus (only He Has that Power) in full view of all men and history, 6)

He and only He, has the power and wisdom to develop such a 'Plan', which sacrifices His

Son for sinners that do not deserve salvation nor care about it. He grants this 'Plan' of

reconciliation because we are His creation. He gave us choice, and He wants to show and

prove what a magnificent, merciful, loving, God of Grace, He is! Thus, Dr. Paul is

confirming the accuracy of their relationship to Jesus and what they taught? T/F \_\_\_

16. He helps them recall that when he and his team came to Thessalonica, even with the fact

that he and Silas had been abused in Philippi, they held back nothing, speaking boldly even

in the face of the potential abuse from the rejecting, enraged Jews. They spoke the Good

News of Jesus and proofs there of? Y/N \_\_\_

17. He says they knew there was no: 1)deception, 2) no impurity, and 3) no dishonesty from

he or his team. If you study Dr. Luke's contemporary history on the time Dr. Paul was

among them and prof. Silas and Timothy followed-up, while Dr. Paul worked in Athens and

Corinth, you will see that they received some financial help from Philippi and from Dr. Paul

working as a sail maker. The character of these missionaries from Jesus was just like His!

They expected nothing and had to (compelled) evangelize the Good News to everyone on

the path? Y/N \_\_\_

18. The only One that these men were concerned about pleasing was their God (the Father

and His Son-Jesus); They were continually testing these missionaries with all kinds of

abnormal situations? T/F \_\_\_

19. Also, they did not come among them with flattering words desiring your worth or prestige.

We proved we had no greed in us to you all and to God? Y/N \_\_\_

20. He remarks that, although, it is acceptable in God's new Way for you to assist us, we never

even asked for you all to sustain us. This was so the glory and praise all went to Him and

not us? Y N \_\_\_

21. Our attention, too, (night and day) was genuine and gentle, just as a nurse would her own

children? Y/N \_\_\_

22. The relationship was far more than just sharing the Good News, rather, they proved to be

and became very precious to Dr. Paul? Y/N \_\_\_

23. In their memory of him, there was night and day tremendous toiling for them and their,

obvious, zeal for God's new Way, which until this very day sustained their highest goal of

pleasing God? Y/N \_\_\_

24. They all worked among them: holy, upright, and blameless, not just as examples but from



their genuine character (Jesus' likeness), as a father interacts continuously with each child

in his family? Y/N \_\_\_

25. He will mention three specific efforts they made toward the Thessalonian congregation of

Jesus' Kingdom, that still sustains their likeness to Jesus: 1) The continuous

encouragement/exhorting (the Greek word means both), 2) The comforting in suffering

and distress (God's reward makes any sacrifice worth any of man's disdain), 3) The

teaching from God and His new Way and the reasons for likeness to Him, as perfectly

displayed by Jesus, are of such remarkable worth to them and those they contact or

confront? Y/N \_\_\_

26. They were (and are) called by God to 'walk' as God in all things, as He did, because this is

exactly what He called them into His Kingdom to do? T/F \_\_\_

27. Dr. Paul calls upon God in his constant prayers, thanking Him for them and the level of

genuine faith, love and hope they gained, displayed and have. The Message was received

as God's Word and not from men or their ideas, which they reformed in their way and

reason for their lives? Y/N \_\_\_

28. Their present imitation of Jesus' likeness as a congregation is identical and in complete

unity with the congregations in Judea, because you by your countrymen are receiving the

same kind of senseless abuse that they did by theirs? Y/N \_\_\_

29. In the past they killed Jesus, senselessly but thank God for their evil zeal. Years earlier they

murdered God's Prophets, too, that announced the coming of the Messiah and His

Kingdom! And today there is no difference, they still are ridiculously abusive to all of us?

Y/N \_\_\_

30. They still are displeasing to God. How? By their horrible hate and opposition to 'all' men!

They carry their disdain so far as to attempt, constantly, to stop us from speaking among

the Gentiles about the Good News of their salvation. This all in God's Mind has filled-up

His displeasure with them, to the point that His 'wrath' is now upon them, with no

recourse. Their nation is about done, as it has absurdly rejected what they cannot miss as

God's Plan in the coming of the expected Messiah and His Kingdom, which were both

proclaimed by their God as being a: better and new Way, rather than Moses Law. They

are responsible for their own well documented demise by God's great wrath? Y/N \_\_\_

Dr. Paul's third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thought

1. When Dr. Paul addresses these Thessalonian brethren as 'brothers', based upon the

previous information in this Letter, he is relating to their identical model of Jesus that he

and his team had. These brethren had digested the Good News/New Covenant, were

living it and were unphased by opposition to the level that they had had some brethren

murdered; and, too, they still zealously and courageously were compelled to evangelize

the Good News far from their city, effectively and accurately. These 'brothers' could have

filled in or joined Dr. Paul's team any time in his mind? T/F \_\_\_

2. He wants them to know that he has wanted for the last several months to come and work

with them. Remember that he had left prof. Silas and Timothy in Berea, then from Athens

sent them to Thessalonica and now from Corinth he is sending them back with this Letter.

It has now been several months of growth in Christ's new Way and evangelism and there

were in Dr. Paul's mind, things as an Apostle he could assist with that Timothy and Silas

could not. Yet his Athens work (of which we hear little during this about four-year period)

and the Corinthian massive work, were in need, also. Too, he was traveling as far as

Illyricum to evangelize (in those areas he ran into cities that had already been evangelized

[effectively] by the folks in the congregation from Thessalonica). So, the needs of the

devil's evil opposition and wrong ways, required his every waking hour. He had no time

for going there during that eighteen-month period. They, as he noted in the Letter, were

in tremendous shape, only he prayed he could visit them to no avail. They and the Holy

Spirit with prof. Silas and Timothy were doing great? Y/N \_\_\_

3. He proclaims that they all are the most sought-after results of evangelizing the Good News

of Jesus; they are Dr. Paul's goal for all those he trains. Their love (the goal of all the

instruction) for Jesus and His Cause (the evangelism and reforming of folks converted to

Jesus' likeness in accord with the only approved source-the New Covenant, which the Holy

Spirit was revealing to mankind, both orally and in printed form by Letters from appointed

and approved writers. [He will preserve those Letters He needs for the complete, correct,

and approved New Covenant to be available for the Kingdom of Jesus worldwide until He

returns for His Kingdom.])? T/F \_\_\_

4. He, in their early months, because he was forced to leave them, after leaving prof. Silas

and Timothy with them (actually he left them in Berea which is thirty miles away). It is

obvious that they spent time in both places, as they were familiar with a major problem in

Thessalonica, which was a great worry to Dr. Paul, as to whether they would stand. He

sent them both back from Athens with the first Letter and its reviewing of what Dr. Paul

had initially revealed to them concerning the correct timing of Jesus' return for His

Kingdom. Y/N \_\_\_

5. The Letter from Athens was to strengthen and encourage (or exhort) them in 'the Faith'.

They had learned much (Dr. Paul was aware that each convert was responsible to reform

to the new Way of Jesus' Kingdom. It is made up of many reforms in many areas to

ultimately be seen as Jesus in their flesh (as Dr. Paul related this to the Galatian

congregations). Those reforms and new ways of living and godliness, emulated your Lord

and Christ-Jesus, or they were allowing Christ to be seen in them. He prayed that the

Letter, helpers, and the Spirit could overcome their lack of correct understanding, which in

this 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter seems to have been corrected? Y/N \_\_\_

6. He, also, reviews the fact that this is his work for Jesus. He reminds them that he told

them to expect trouble from the folks outside the Kingdom, which they have experienced,

and handled well. He was concerned that 'the Faith' of them would be corrupted by the

evils they faced. Thus, Timothy and Silas were sent to assist. This last return by them has

been most encouraging about 'the Faith' and motives of all of them? Y/N \_\_\_

7. He says he is most encouraged by the report that their: 1) living in 'the Faith' is going well,

2) the Love of all of them is active, seeable and across the congregation, and 3) that they

all remember him fondly and hope he can come by to visit them soon.? Y/N \_\_\_

8. He is very happy with their being blameless in God's mind. They are living in 'the Faith' and

his prayer for them is they continue as they are and that he might be able to come their

direction personally. Y/N \_\_\_

9. He is prayerful that their love for each other and for all men (which is Jesus' kind of love.),

they already understand and are successfully displaying sacrificial love at any cost to a

world that does not care nor want to know of Jesus' Good News? Y/N

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10. These things will continue to present them before God as Jesus' blameless Kingdom, even

until He returns for His Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

11. Being 'blameless' is not being sinless. No one is sinless (except God). God, though, in the

New Covenant has presented how a disciple of Christ, once he is in Jesus' Kingdom (being

re-born God's Way), can be blameless in God's mind. We all (in Christ) are in His revealed

new Way. We, from before we are immersed, which is the nanosecond where God's

efforts add us to His Son's Kingdom, have come to understand that this new Way is a

revealed, learned and reformed to, program, to be just like Jesus. This is our goal and

example. We will as we grow have many things incorrect, that need reforming. Some will

be easy, but not all. God sees our heart and knows if we are sincere in our love and allows

us to confess our sins to Him and zealously work to reform anything that is not like Jesus in

our life-practice or in our theology of God things. He does not allow you to fallback (you

will fall out of His Grace), but He will never leave those that struggle and right the reforms

He says we must do to honor, glorify, and magnify Him. He has provided in His New

Covenant, everything we need for living and godliness, but you will sin in your desire and

efforts to be like Jesus. So, confess it to Him and He will see you as 'blameless', due to

your effort, care, and new look-(Jesus-like)? T/F \_\_\_

12. God sees all those that are in Jesus' Kingdom, striving for 'holiness' (Jesus-likeness), as

blameless, and will raise them all into the eternal Kingdom, beginning on the last day,

when Jesus comes to Judge all spirits and be honored by His Kingdom?  
T/F \_\_\_

Dr. Paul's fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thought

1. Dr. Paul, now, reflecting with them in Thessalonica about all they have, thus far,

maintained in their relationship to Jesus, mentions that the team has been an important

part of exactly what God has said is a pleasing 'walk' with Him? Y/N \_\_\_

2. Yes, it is they that are doing so well in their 'walk' in His new Way, but their success was

due to the correct delivery of 'the Faith' by the team. As good as things are, there is

always more that can be accomplished, and he implores them to do better and more. It

seems that some there might be slacking or are being neglected (as You read on in the

Letter)? Y/N \_\_\_

3. He reminds them, and he knows they have not forgotten, that 'they' brought to them what

reforms (commands) the living God expects of them to be acceptable in His Kingdom and

to maintain His pleasure of them? Y/N \_\_\_

4. He calls those commands: god-like dedication in each of them? Y/N \_\_\_

5. He uses a special Greek voice (middle), as he is emphasizing that they, each one,

'themselves' must pay close attention to the following. This is God's Will for them! He is

about to mention three (3) specific problem areas. This will begin some areas needing

attention by each of them and the leaders there? Y/N \_\_\_

6. They are: 1) To continue to abstain completely from any kind of sexual immorality, 2) Each

of them is to know what it takes for them to have a correct god-like dedication to have

control of their own body and express honor to God by doing so, also, 3) There ought to be

no 'wronging' or 'taking advantage of any member of Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

7. He has, also, presented the seeable contrast between 'god-like dedication' and 'passion of

lust', which is what people of the Gentile kingdoms have for their motivation. They are

passionate for self and self-gratification. This is what they 'lust' for! This is not, obviously,

acceptable among Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

8. Those that 'are not aware of' (meaning they do not know Whom He is and/or have 'zero'

correct understanding of His Way) how our living God has planned our living and service to

emulate Him. He sent Jesus as a perfect example and the New Covenant as His clear

explanation of His expectations of His Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

9. Next, Dr. Paul emphasizes that he and his team had, more than once, told and warned

each of them that God is the only avenger! He misses nothing and will avenge anyone that



is involved in any of these areas? Y/N \_\_\_

10. The only 'calling' from God is one of holiness, thus, any impurity (the things God says are

not pure, not man's ideas) will suffer His wrath, eternally. They must remember this?

Y/N \_\_\_

11. If and as they reject His revealed requirements for continuing to receive Grace and

reconciliation from Him, they are not rejecting we men! They are rejecting much more,

they are rejection God Himself! Does he appear, here, to be starting an area of

exhortation for these brethren in Thessalonica? Y/N \_\_\_

12. As final encouragement to these folks, he reminds them that it is God, Who has, by His

Grace, given them His Holy Spirit, which secures their eternal guarantee for their eternal

destiny. He, too, confirms God's Word and new Way through these men (Dr. Paul, his

team, and any that have had hands laid upon them by Dr. Paul, that proclaim His new

Way.)?

13. Several of Dr. Paul's contemporary histories to various congregations of Jesus' Kingdom

are saluted for their affection toward those in the local Body of Christ. Here is no

exception. But, here, the interaction of them, with much abuse and savage brutality upon

them, has been exceptionable. He has saluted the commonality and the internal support

and continuing dedication to Jesus-like activity even under duress. They are well-known in

their area for their outreach and care of the needs of saints. They had to have a special

kind of affection for the Body of Christ to gain such a reputation. Yet, as we will see later

in the Letter, reputation does not mean some are not being neglected, forgotten, even

denied correct affection (Jesus' kind), so abound more! Stop the things causing the lack of

correct attention toward those not involved in the normal activities. Over time and

with much brutality, those numbers always decrease that are deeply involved in the work

of the congregation and many are rejected for many reasons, due to the level that the

thought-to-be leaders now are representing Jesus, but in reality only their small group. Dr.

Paul, here, is addressing that tendency. The answer: ABOUND MORE!! Or, get back to the

correct "Way" of Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_

14. Dr' Paul reminds them that they are to live their daily lives in such a way as to live among

the locals (outside of the Body of Christ, specifically) with respect. Here is thought to

mean do nothing to upset the community or you misrepresent Jesus, which is foolishness.

They had saturated their community with the Good News of Jesus to the point that the

community had removed Dr. Paul! Does that sound like shutting down the Good News in

their area and just live out their time? Everywhere the Good News went and continued to

honor Jesus, there were those in the communities that wanted It 'dead', at any cost. The

majority of those communities may have disagreed with the Christian 'aggression', but did

not join in the riots, why? Because the Christians followed this creed of Jesus likeness. He

got along with everyone all day long (even a friend to the 'wine-bibber' or local daily

drinkers). He had a character that threatened no one. He was super helpful, even looking

aggressively for opportunities to help. These, though, were so He could teach the Good

News and the Kingdom of God, which included reform and reward for eternity to those

that dedicated their new life to pleasing the living God. HELL, by their unforgiven sins

against God, was awaiting all those rejecting God's new Way. They were compelled by

that fact to warn and teach at every opportunity they had, just as Jesus and the

Apostles/Prophets did. The expected life, mentioned here by Dr. Paul, is not to quell the

spreading of the Good News of Jesus, but more so, to allow that Message to be seen in the

daily lives of those 'in Christ'. The normal living is not ungodly, rather, it is extremely

useable for the much more important need in life of everyone needing to have an

opportunity to hear and study correctly the hope God has given all men. The local

community will be much more reachable by folks that live normally. That means that

Christians are to use every chance they have to be examples and teachers of Jesus and His

new Way. We do not start the 'hate' of our Way or our Lord, but we maintain the

character of Jesus when the receivers go ballistic. Most will recognize our demeanor and

not beat us for our obvious differences to their 'gods' way, if our life is normal. These

folks, by Jesus' deep concern and willingness to help anyone, causes many that were

enemies to respond to Him with respectfulness. This is Paul's practice also. He went into

the local synagogue and did not start fights, but rather, waited for the established time in

them for the outsider to speak a message of encouragement or exhortation. All

synagogues allowed such a time. The 'marketplace' in each community was the place to

do the same but offered more opportunity for a crowd and confirmation of the Message.

They still worked at secular jobs in the communities, while there. They turned down no

opportunity to reach small or large numbers, because they all were lost and deserve an

opportunity to hear someone that is prepared, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and to

answer the errors of their present positions. All ought to be clear, accurate, kind, as

complete as is allowed and motivated by the preciousness of the listening souls from

God's perspective of loving them. Everyone will not be willing to convert, nor do so in the

first half of an hour, be patient and let them see your Jesus likeness, realizing God uses

that character much, but not without you being hungry to proclaim Jesus' new Way?

Y/N \_\_\_

## Dr. Paul's fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Thought

1. Dr. Paul, here, is going to breakdown things that are part of the expectations, as to what

happens at death to Jesus' Kingdom. In the first Letter he discussed it with them, too, but

this is of deeper thoughts and answers. Some have, obviously, died by the hands of the

enemies of this new Way. Dr. Paul has been involved from both sides. He led the group

that murdered Stephen in Jerusalem and had men and women murdered due to their

break with Moses Law and the Jews. He had also been stoned to death in Galatia because

of his conviction and faith that Jesus was the correct King and Messiah, later. He, too,

after he was converted outside of Damascus, he spent three years in training with Jesus in

the Arabian desert before he began his work for Jesus among the Gentile nations. (This is

all covered in other contemporary histories by Dr. Luke and Dr. Paul. Study in Dr. Luke's

'acts of some of the early leaders: AD 30-62', and Dr. Paul's 'Galatian history'.) So, he

begins by announcing what the next 'Thought' is about: conditions concerning those that

have and will die? Y/N \_\_\_

2. He starts by a contrast between those that die without any 'hope' and those that have died

with 'Hope". That 'Hope' is not a wish, but rather, comes from the knowledge that Jesus is

resurrected and ruling from heaven until He returns for His Kingdom, whether alive or

already having died. If you or someone dies, he says that the grief is not the same as

others hopeless. They are now subject to God's wrath with no hope and we rejoice

because we go to 'Paradise'. T/F \_\_\_\_

3. He declares to them that their lives prove that they believe and trust that Jesus died for

the completion of God's Plan, allowing Him to be the source, for He to be able to forgive

man's many sins. God accepted Jesus' perfect life as the sacrifice for man's sins, which

appease His wrath for those that become Jesus' Kingdom. But, Jesus also 'Arose' from the

dead, because death could not hold Him. Yes, He was murdered and tasted death (for all

men), and we just saw the purpose. He was 'Raised' for another purpose, He had to be!

Remember death came into the world because man sins. That is the only reason it is here.

Since Jesus never sinned against God in any way, He could be murdered by evil men

(Remember, He knew all things and the future. He, thus, allowed them to murder Him,

they did not have the power to do it! The "Purpose" becomes clear: our only Way to be

reconciled to God.), but, he had to be 'Raised', due to His sinlessness! He had to be raised!

Dr, Paul reminds them that that same God that 'raised' Jesus, has already promised to raise

all brethren in 'the Faith'. He will bring them with Him (that are already with Him in

Paradise in their spirit, which He controls.), when God, Jesus, and the angels come for the

Kingdom and for Judgement on the last Day? Y/N \_\_\_

4. What will He bring, their bodies? No! What?? God is 'Spirit'! Angels are spirits, that God

created to serve Him and man's needs. He places an individual 'spirit' into each soul of

each person at their conception on Earth (Zech. 12:1; Eccles. 12:7; Num.16:22). He

removes that 'spirit' at death, as a personal report on that person, as a spirit (to be

compared to the New Covenant at Judgement). That 'spirit', if it is in Jesus' Kingdom at its

demise from the flesh, will remain in Paradise until God comes for honor among the

Kingdom and the Judgement of the condemned. Jesus in several discussions in the

Contemporary Histories about Him, explained that all dead spirits are to stand before God

at the final Judgement. So, all spirits (God has them in separate places: 1) Those in Jesus'

Kingdom are in 'Paradise', and 2) those rejecting Jesus, God or are disobedient to His New

Covenant are in 'Hades' awaiting the final Judgement on their way to His eternal Hell?

Y/N \_\_\_

5. Dr. Paul leaves out much of the above information in this explanation to the Thessalonica

congregation. He does, though, in other Histories mention this and more information. His

most defining material on this subject is found in his first Letter preserved by the Spirit for

the New Covenant to the Corinthians (written about AD 55ish) at the end of his eighth

Thought in It. He explains how and when the 'spirits' of each person will be converted to a

special new kind of eternal body. Alive folks and dead souls do this at the same time and

will meet Jesus in the air. The universe will be dissolved and removed, and Jesus will turn

all things back to the Father and the new eternal Kingdom will begin. Here, though, Dr.

Paul, only says that those 'spirits' in the Kingdom will come with God for the impending

Judgement and honoring of Jesus. Thus, anyone that has died in Christ prior to Jesus'

return will come back for those activities at His return? Y/N \_\_\_

6. He, then, explains that those that are alive at Jesus' return, will not be raised to meet Jesus

before those that have died earlier that are in Jesus' Kingdom. All (including all evil men

and women) will receive their new eternal bodies that are created by God for man's

eternity. The dead and those that happen to be alive at His return, will make the change

with their 'spirit' again in them? Y/N \_\_\_

7. He then gives some detail about that return: 1) The Lord, Himself with a shout will

announce the End of Time and the Judgement, 2) The archangel will obey and God's

trumpet will awaken all people. The Lord will descend and those 'spirit's of all men will be

placed into the immortal bodies God has designed for eternity. They that are alive will,



then, receive their new like body and everyone will rise to meet Jesus in the air. Honoring

Him will begin, as will Judgement? Y/N \_\_\_

8. He ends with the fact that from that moment, all those that are in 'the Faith' will be with

Jesus forever! This is the answer to the state of those that have died and what will happen

at the moment Jesus returns? Y/N \_\_\_

9. He commands, therefore, that they ought to comfort each other and instruct those that do

not understand the: WHAT, just as he has explained this. Remember in the first Letter to

them, he removed any doubt that they should have, that Jesus had already returned. This

is deeper information and allows prof. Silas, Timothy, and the Spirit to fill in other needed

information (revealing what Jesus had said about Judgement, prof. John had written and

the revealed information that Dr. Paul would write to the Corinthians in a few years, as the

Spirit felt was necessary for the congregation (and the New Covenant-He preserved that

Letter)? Y/N \_\_\_

10. He now will discuss the 'WHEN' of this wonderful event. The specific time or season of the

Event is of no concern, as they already are aware of God's Plan. Only He knows the exact

moment of the 'Day of the Lord', thus, His Kingdom must work continually and diligently,

as He will come as stealthily, as a thief in the night. So, the WHEN does not bother those

of us in His Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

11. Those out of Christ' Body will fool themselves by saying they have, "Peace and safety", but

they know and so do we, that this is not accurate, because He is returning and they have

done no preparation for their eternity. We warn and teach, and God will judge at His

chosen moment of the last Day and His righteous judgement (His New Covenant will be

the only allowed Judge!)? Y/N \_\_\_

12. He, then, uses a pregnant woman's delivery as an example of the unknown moment God

will return to judge the world. She, without warning has pains to begin her delivery. Just

as that delivery is certain, also, the person with no proper preparation for God's

Judgement, will not escape His wrath, forever! He is suggesting how thankful and certain

they have to remain and not be anguished. They have had much confirmation of Jesus'

Kingship and involvement in their lives, which should confirm Dr. Paul's lesson on WHEN?

Y/N \_\_\_

13. Now, after explaining the "WHAT" and "WHEN", he is going to explain the "WHY" the last

coming of Jesus and the situation of those in Christ (alive when He returns or already dead

in Paradise with Him, but only as 'spirits'. Who all await their final immortal, eternal

forms, which He will give all. Whether you ascend for 'meeting Jesus in the air' and the

eternal Kingdom begins, or you ascend for your final 'judgement' and eternal

condemnation in the Hell that God has created for you as a part of His effort that He

planned (from before the beginning of creation) and continually warned all folks that it

awaits their decision. (willingly reforming to His Way [There is only 'One' revealed by

Him] or choosing to not trust and obey) As sure as is God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and as

clear as are Their works, you can be certain of His "WHY"? Y/N \_\_\_

14. He says that they are not in 'darkness'! They are not blinded by darkness, nor are they in

any way misinformed by a lack of God's clear Teaching. Daybreak will come (They can

count upon it and they are aware it is coming!)? Y/N \_\_\_

15. They are all 'children of light'! Also, they are all 'children of day'! They not only are certain

of these things (Jesus and His new Way are the two lights they know for a fact are reality.)

They are already living in accord with the light and in the light. Their lives are illuminated

by the correct 'light' and they look forward to the "Light" ruling eternally? Y/N \_\_\_

16. They do not live in the dark nor do they live in darkness. They are only interested in things

that are light or create light. They know that light destroys darkness and darkness cannot

put out light, no matter how dark it gets around you? Y/N \_\_\_

17. Thus, the kind of 'sleep' the world has around them, is leading all those poor souls to a

godless eternity of complete darkness (no contact with anyone or anything, no

communications, no help from God, dark, suspended, no sight just alone for eternity with

no recourse available). This is the kind of 'sleep' that God wants all souls to 'wake-up'

from? Y/N \_\_\_

18. For we that fear, reverence, now understand, and willingly reform to His new Way, these

are not just 'words', but His merciful, Grace filled, longsuffering Word and Way. God

commands us to: listen, heed His warnings, reform to His new Way, be dedicated, because

of His love for us, to His Plan and stay zealous and consistently His Kingdom, because He

has much for us to accomplish, while here. He gives serious warnings to the lazy and idle,

demanding they get about His business not their business? Y/N \_\_\_

19. Those in darkness, thrive in its evil. They enjoy most the darkness itself, as it provides

them cover for their evil deeds and lusts. Yet, they are ridiculously foolish, because God

misses nothing: not thoughts or actions, that anyone does or has. Thus, 'darkness' is a lie!

We know He created it for good and are alert to such foolishness and do not join the 'fun'?

Y/N \_\_\_

20. He reveals that the "WHY" is not hard to handle. They are slaves to their desires and lust,

with nonsense for their reasons. We are 'self-controlled', tempered by our God and His

Way. He has an approved method of living, such that we are considered 'righteous' in His

mind. Jesus is the "Dayspring" and our example of what is perfectly pleasing to our Father.

We hunger to be pleasing to Him and our Lord Jesus. They have given much for the

opportunity we have to be reconciled to Them and a reward for our service and worship of

Them while here on Earth: an eternal home with Them. This is the ultimate "WHY" we

stay 'children of the day'? Y/N \_\_\_

21. We wear, as a breastplate, our faith and love. Both are what we have in relation to our

God and our Lord. They are our armor against a deadly blow from the world's way. They

cover our heart from any weapon of Satan and his agents. Also, we put this armor of

warfare on ourselves. We are not forced to be involved in such a war (for the souls of

men), rather, we are volunteers for the war. We know we will win and be rewarded for

our service to Jesus and His Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

22. The things Dr. Paul mentions that become our heart protecting 'breastplate', are: 1) our

'faith' and 2) our 'love'. Our 'faith' is our genuine trust in Jesus and our Father. The

highest level of 'faith' is the only acceptable level to Them. There are many levels revealed

and discussed in the New Covenant, but only one is accepted by our God as genuine. A

willingness by each of us to reform to all directions from our Lord Jesus and dying yourself,

but allowing Jesus to live 'in' and 'through' you in your remaining life on Earth. No

sacrifice is too great to please Him, and trust overcomes any fear or worry you have. Our

'love' is based completely upon His 'love' for each of us. We are to understand His 'love'

by the example of Jesus, which is measured in a much different way than man's idea of

love. He with complete willingness and trust in our Father, sacrificed His life (experienced

death), because the Plan that They (the Father, Word and Holy Spirit) designed in eternity

prior to any creating, would require a perfect sacrifice to accomplish and man was not

capable of being that level of sacrifice, due to sin. As creatures of choice and self-intellect

(as designed by God), all men would sin or do things that are not God-like/against His Way.

Thus, they are guilty and must have an acceptable sacrifice to have God forgive any sin

they commit. Jesus (Then, He was only the 'Word', but becoming Jesus and 'flesh' for the

sacrifice, later.), the 'Word' taking on 'flesh' and dying for man's necessary acceptable

sacrifice is the highest expression of 'love' anyone can have. (No human understood why,

as the purpose for Jesus' death was hidden until after His resurrection. Too, no one

actually deserved such a special 'gift' of God's mercy and grace. No one, also, had a desire

for wanting the actual method done by God, they wanted a kingdom like mankind has, led

by God's King.) All those in Jesus' Kingdom both know of God's 'love' and live with that

same kind of 'love' toward all souls (friend or foe). This level of 'faith' and 'love' are

acceptable and nothing less is? Y/N \_\_\_\_

23. Dr. Paul also mentions a 'helmet' for the warfare armor. This is a cover of the head and its

ability to think and/or reason. This, also, needs protection from the war weapons of

Satan. Just as these brethren in Thessalonica had handled many brutal assaults from evil

men and groups, and not surrendered their faith and love, they, also, held to 'the Faith' or

new Way, exactly as they had been taught by the Holy Spirit. These Teachings (part of the

New Covenant) came to them from Dr. Paul (while there), prof. Silas and Timothy, the

ones whom Dr. Paul had laid hands upon (his practice everywhere, after teaching and

training locals), and the direct work of the Holy Spirit on them. These all helped the

congregation to become a living Body of Christ Jesus and give them understanding of

Jesus' new Way for those in His Kingdom. They had, to date, upheld their correct

understanding and were working among themselves to insure that the continuing

knowledge, understanding and training was going on, to insure the continuing of those

specific Commands from Jesus' Throne. Thus, the importance of protecting that

information and maintaining it exactly as it was revealed; such that no: rejection, neglect,

addition or subtraction, overcomes God's revealed Plan, concerning God or His new Way?

Y/N \_\_\_

24. The last of his points about the returning of Jesus is about "WHERE". The 'Plan' was set in

eternity by God (Father, Word and Holy Spirit). It was not developed by Them to lead us

to His final wrath at Judgement. The presentation and unveiling of that 'Plan' by God

through the ages prior to Jesus' arrival were to ensure mankind of His desire, power and

method for us all to live with Him forever. His Will was (and is) that all mankind would

"reform" and come to an understanding of His Truth. He has provided "all things for living

and godliness". He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Jesus became the

culmination of the Plan. 'He died for us!', so we do not have too. The "WHERE" in this Text

is a mixture of the eternal home awaiting each of those that will live His new Way, while

alive on Earth. So, all are to live where they are at, in accord with what pleases Him, which

He has clearly explained in the New Covenant. Then, the "WHERE" becomes the eternal

home with Him? Y/N \_\_\_

25. These four 'W's' are keys for these in Thessalonica that are in and living as Jesus' Kingdom

to be and to take time among themselves to encourage those that are weaker or

weakening? Y/N \_\_\_

Dr. Paul's sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Thought

1. Each congregation Dr. Paul establishes, teaches and trains himself or his team, will have

some men that become Jesus' leaders among the congregation. They are often named



elders, but on occasion they are referred to as 'rulers'. There are special qualifications

from Jesus for these men to serve Him in this work in His Kingdom. They have had to be

men that have proven themselves as qualified leaders. They are determined to be

qualified by the members of the congregation (all of them are to be involved). It is not a

hasty decision and all must come to the same decision or work on the reasons why they

are not qualified. When the decision is made the Evangelist (or Apostles) make it official by

appointing them elders or rulers. The name 'ruler' does not mean they rule the nest and

are a special ruling order of the local congregation. They are involved much of their time in

teaching the lost and the congregation the correct Jesus Way. They work with each

member in areas of need (both spiritual and physical) as they come up. There are to

always be at least two in each congregation (By Dr. Paul using plural pronouns and plural

verbs, it is clear that Thessalonica has more than one). There is no example of one ruler or

elder in the New Covenant in a congregation, nor do they rule or elder in more than one

congregation. Since the decision has been made as to whom the rulers are, they are to be

heeded as men that are humbly Jesus-like and able teachers (and have exhibited courage

and are apt in teaching Jesus' new Way, fearlessly) . If any of them begin to get out of line,

there are given methods of confronting them.

Here, Dr. Paul indicates that the Thessalonian congregation (Notice there is only 'one'

congregation covering the entire community, as there is in every Letter in the New

Covenant.), has these leaders. Jesus is the only HEAD of His Kingdom, but there are several

roles folks play in the actions and activities among their congregations. They are to

'recognize' their's and remember that they only 'rule' in the things concerning Jesus and His

new Way, but they have too, on occasion, hold Jesus' line for folk's eternity sake? Y/N \_\_\_

2. These men are to be loved and not put up as enemies or overbearing, when they interact

with the congregation. If folks are having difficulty in their lives for Jesus, they need a

hand, exhortation or encouragement. These rulers have proven they are able to assist

these folks with their problems or errors, in an attempt to have those in the problem

respond to Jesus. The first thing to notice by them is that they never make public anything

they are attending too, as it could hurt, or even destroy the one needing help. Many folks

love to busybody, but not these men. They are constantly, as they learned from Dr. Paul

and his example, involved with drawing people closer to Jesus. Patience and long

-suffering, as Jesus was with everyone, is a quality they understand and practice? Y/N \_\_\_

3. He exhorts them to be or stay at peace with each other. To have and practice Jesus' kind

of 'peace' and not man's, is to work, pray, and see to your personal words and actions with

Jesus, His Way and example in mind. Folks do not always react as Jesus, when they are

involved in such difficult work with those struggling? Y/N \_\_\_

4. He here says to those elders, that under no circumstances are they to neglect anyone or

not confront the issues in the congregation. They must be attended to by them? Y/N \_\_\_

5. He will list four different kinds of problems that are difficult to handle but must be

attended too. They are: 1) to warn the disorderly (those attempting to stir issues among

them), 2) they personally must encourage those that are despondent (those that for some

reason or pain are walking away from Jesus), 3) there are always weaker folks in their faith

in Jesus that need special and often attention, which they are to see about (they are the

most capable there to restore their belief and trust in Jesus), and 4) patience and no

overbearing force, will often lead to new energy and decisions that allow folks to

overcome or reform decisions heading away from Jesus and His eternal Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_

6. Here he returns to the congregation (we think). They all must ensure that no one repays

any evil done to them or their close ones, with another evil action or word! The opposite

is Jesus' only way to handle such things when evil is done to someone. They all must only

react with good! React Jesus' way only. This is true among yourselves and among

outsiders and enemies, as this is Jesus' way? Y/N \_\_\_

7. Being able to always rejoice because of their trust in Jesus concerning their eternity, is how

they must be. No action by men has any power over God's Plan and they should be

certain of their response with joy, knowing God rewards all actions they have that are to

His honor, glory and praise? Y/N \_\_\_

8. Prayer by all those that are in Christ Jesus' Kingdom has to be constant, as there is a loving,

active, living God hearing them. He will respond! You might not get a 'yes' but He is

attentive to our needs? Y/N \_\_\_

9. Continuing to thank Him for His love, new Way, reward and power to give such amazing

promises and attention, is something each prayer ought to have in it. He thinks this is

important for communicating to Him through Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_

10. Never shut off the Holy Spirit and His Word, it is essential all of them hear and respond to

all He reveals? Y/N \_\_\_

11. They must never treat inspired Messages (those that are revealed to them by folks that are

"inspired"). These come from Jesus' Throne, too? Y/N \_\_\_

12. If they 'test' anyone's words or instruction by the Spirit, the Truth will be revealed to them.

They must do so, as all good things come from God and they are to hold to them? Y/N \_\_\_

13. This will ensure that they turn away from all forms of evil, as God expects all of us to do?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

14. This last section has 16 Greek imperatives in it. You ought to review this last section and

count them. A Greek imperative (we translate into English, using: must, it is imperative,

and ought) carries a very important instructive element. It means that the hearer or

reader has an obligation to do exactly what is being described or explained. In these cases

of its use, it is telling these Thessalonian Christians to obey God's commands. It is a must

(or imperative) that they respond to God's Way, since they understand His blessings and

trust in His reward. They, like every other Christian, made a covenant to "reform" to His

Will or new Way, before they were added to Jesus' Kingdom. If they still hold to that

covenant between themselves and God, then, they are grateful and rejoice for every

instruction and reform God gives them. They realize that He is just insuring their entry

into the eternal Kingdom after Jesus' return. Thus, they respond with willing 'reforms' at

the inspired Word from an Apostle of Jesus, their Christ and Lord.

So, when Dr. Paul, here, says to them after all these imperatives, he is saying that if

they want to continue to be in Jesus' Kingdom, and be defined by His 'peace', they 'must'

allow God, by their reforms, to completely set them apart for His pleasure and use to

emulate Jesus for the sake of those around them? Y/N \_\_\_\_

15. He continues to encourage them to all these imperative reforms (not that they were not

knowledgeable of them, but they tend to slide over time and need exhortation again),

saying that God does not just 'set them apart' by practicing these, but He once again will

see them as "blameless" in His mind. They can 'fall out of His Grace' by not continuing

their lives in Jesus' "Faith", but if they choose to continue in His new Way (He has noticed

a slipping of these mentioned in this Letter), they can pray to Him about these and reform

to them and He will continue to see them as 'blameless' until Jesus returns? Y/N \_\_\_

16. He exhorts them, then, by saying that they, as always, can depend on God to honor His

request and can absolutely be certain that only He can make such claims and do them, just

as He has said He will! This covers the entire Letter and not just these reforms to be done?

Y/N \_\_\_

17. His final salutation to them is that they 'must' keep he and his efforts for Jesus and His

Cause in their prayer, too. He knows God expects them to pray and He hears prayers for

others with special attention? Y/N \_\_\_

18. In their day (in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD) there was a shared kiss on the cheeks of special folks to

You, displayed for all to see. This is what Dr. Paul is commanding these to pass-on for him,

since he cannot do it himself. Affection among brethren, in those days, was genuine and

not neglected. He knew they would? Y/N \_\_\_

19. He knew that they come together every 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, since he taught it to them and

its purpose, as he relates in his discussion of the Lord's Supper in the latter part of his 2<sup>nd</sup>

Letter to the Corinthian congregation (known as 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians). From across all of

Thessalonica those that loved, served and worshiped Jesus, came together to do just that,

weekly. Dr. Paul knew God allowed His Word to be read, studied, and recommitments

made to Him. This Letter was His inspired Word (became part of the preserved complete

New Covenant of the Holy Spirit, which was completed by various contemporary

historians. He preserved them (that were all done in the 1<sup>st</sup> century), including this one,

which was written by Jesus' Apostle, thus, it was acceptable to God for Dr. Paul to have It

read for the christians that gather to worship God. He only allows and accepts worship His

Way. Man today (and for many centuries) does not honor that command, often, but Dr.

Paul knew it and practiced it? Y/N \_\_\_

20. Can you understand how imperative and necessary Dr. Paul thought having God's Word

read was for the entire congregation and not to just a select few? He knows the

congregation is only as sound as is each Christian and they ought to work, live, pray, and

endure together. The nature of the congregation (unity as Jesus expects it to be) has a

tremendous effect on the city it is in and often the area? Y/N \_\_\_

21. His final thought for them is the hope and expectation that they will heed the Message

from God through him, which will grant from our Lord Jesus Christ, His Grace to them all.

His Grace is extended to all that zealously dedicate themselves to His likeness! That is His

Will and it is what He, through Dr. Paul, has just provided them (His new Way, repeated to

them). He has the power and desire to extend His Grace to them, but their obedience to

His reforms, mentioned here and the continuation of all of them until He returns will be

the measurement as to whether Jesus' Grace remains with them? Y/N

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