

After listening to the posted recording of our third class on the book of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

First Thessalonians Class #3

#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:8

- A. Look closely within the verse, what caused the word of the Lord to sound forth from the saints in Thessalonica?
- B. What will also cause the word of the Lord to sound forth where you live?
- C. Have you been influenced by the faith of others you have not personally met? How?
- D. Who are a few of the New Testament saints that encourage you now?

#2. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- A. How had turning from idols to serve a living and true God changed their lives?
- B. Who speaks for idols and gives instruction concerning what they want?
- C. Who does God use to speak His message?
- D. What idols were in Thessalonica? What can you name as influential idols today?
- E. Who gives these idols power & a message?
- F. What is the opposite of a living & true God?
- G. Can you quantify how much power it took to raise Jesus from the dead?
What all would have to be "re-booted" for life to return again? (i.e. Heart beat...)
- H. What have we been rescued (saved) from by Jesus? What does that change?

#3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

- A. What efforts in our lives have been in vain?
- B. Why were Paul, Silas, Timothy, & Luke's traveling to Thessalonica not in vain?
See Isaiah 55:11 ... what did God accomplish in Thessalonica?
- C. How were Paul & Silas mistreated in Philippi? [Acts 16:19-34]
- D. Did their suffering for Jesus effect them positively or negatively? Who controls it?
- E. Should opposition/enemies turn us into cowards for Christ? [1 Corinthians 16:8-9]
- F. Where does boldness originate? Can we always trust Him? Do we always trust Him?

#4. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

- A. What is "exhortation"? (Look it up if you do not know.)
- B. What is the result when someone encourages you with/from motives that you later find out are wrong, only partially true, or are simply trickery?
- C. Can you think of motives the world uses that are from error, impurity, or deceit?
- D. What motives will keep us from being approved by God to teach the gospel of Jesus?
- E. What does God examine when we are teaching others? [important? James 3:1]
- F. When teachers try to please men, what gets lost? [it happens; 1 Timothy 4:1-5]
- G. Should these things scare teachers or encourage them? Or both?