

After listening to the posted recording of class #6 concerning our study 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 #6**

### **#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3**

- A. Paul wanted to see the brethren of Thessalonica, but Satan hindered him. Who benefitted from Timothy being sent instead?
- B. Did Paul offer any benefit to the people of Athens while being there? [Acts 17:22-34]
- C. What was Timothy's goal/aim in being sent again to Thessalonica?
- D. Do you have spiritual goals when you encounter other saints?
- E. Are spiritual goals easier to reach if there is forethought? Any Examples?
- F. Destiny is not a power, but by the promises of the New Covenant in our Lord Jesus Christ, what are some things we are destined for?
- G. Did God ever communicate these to us? [Also look at 1 John 3:13]
- H. What did Ananias know concerning what was ahead for Saul/Paul? [Acts 9:15-16]

### **#2. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:4-5**

- A. How did Paul know affliction was coming? [2 Timothy 3:12]
- B. Should we be aware & expect the same in our godly lives in Christ?
- C. Do we still get blindsided & surprised when persecuted for godly behavior? Why?
- D. What can affliction & persecution do, if our faith is not firm? [Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21]
- E. Who gave us these unrealistic expectations that life would be fair or easy?
- F. What did Paul want to learn about the brethren in Thessalonica when sending Timothy?
- G. What did Paul fear had happened to the brethren there?

### **#3. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-8**

- A. What were the main points of Timothy's report concerning those in Thessalonica?
- B. What was the good news about the brethren there in Thessalonica?
- C. What characteristic brought the greatest comfort to Paul?
- D. What tells you "everything will be alright" concerning the souls you love?
- E. Is it not the same comfort that Paul had because of the brethren in Thessalonica?
- F. What does faith give you the ability to do in the midst of great distress & affliction?

### **#4. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10**

- A. How can we ever *repay* God for all the joy & encouragement we find in witnessing the saving faith of our brothers & sisters in Christ?
- B. Do you ever ponder the faith of those who encourage you?
- C. Is their faith fully grown yet? Or will they continue to grow more in Christ?
- D. How encouraging is it to see them face to face again?