

1 Thessalonians 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Written Approx. 52AD – about 20 years after the resurrection of Jesus Christ)

(These books speak of the return of Jesus Christ in the end days as King of kings, Lord of lords – the Second Advent. One of Paul's earliest writings)

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Paul was beaten and locked up by the Kenites in this city) see Acts-16, 17

NOTES: (The Kenites and the established synagogues always fought against Paul because he was teaching the doctrine of Jesus Christ. They saw this as heresy against the established Jewish religion)

(By this time the synagogues were totally corrupted by the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They, along with the Kenites, tried many times to either kill Paul; or to frame him with the Romans so that they would execute Paul)

²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; (He found many true faithful people here and set up a church)

³Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; (Your labors in learning God's Word documents your faith and your patience)

⁴Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. (This is to the Elect, or the remnant, in this group. These people were chosen in the First Age because they sided with God against Satan's rebellion. God uses them in this Age to help spread and maintain His Word)

NOTE: (The Kenites are always trying to change God's Word. Their intent is to make it irrelevant. They use excuses like – to "modernize it". God's Word doesn't need modernization. It only needs to be

correctly translated from the manuscripts into whatever language that it is being taught in – provided that the translation is accurate)

⁵For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. (assurance = complete confidence) (They accepted the Gospel and ran with it; doing God's work in teaching others. The Christian churches in Thessalonica grew to have many members) see Acts-17

⁶And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost. (The Kenites wanted Paul killed. So did the Pharisees and Sadducees. There were many enemies working against the Christians)

(Through all of that, Paul stayed true to God and taught the Gospel, unhindered and unstoppable by these murderers)

⁷So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. (Achaia = trouble) (Their strong faith helped influence others towards Christianity. They served as a good example of how Christians live. We can do the same today)

⁸For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. (They were doing a great job in blessing people in surrounding areas with the Word of God. They didn't need much correcting from Paul)

⁹For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; (They had been heathen idol worshippers in the past. Now, they had converted and accepted Christianity completely)

¹⁰And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (The wrath of God will be brought to bear on the evil ones in the end days of this Age. This is the cup of God's wrath that Jesus asked if it might pass from Him)

