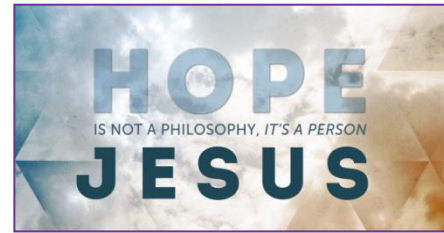




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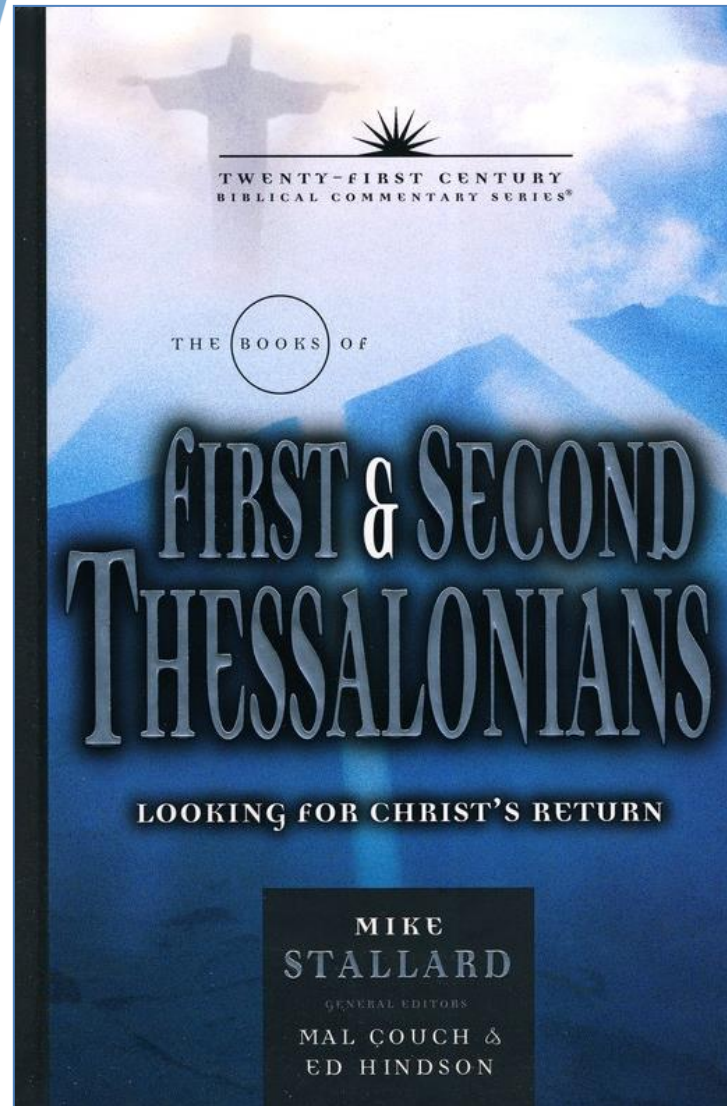
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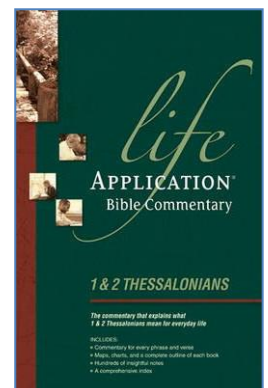
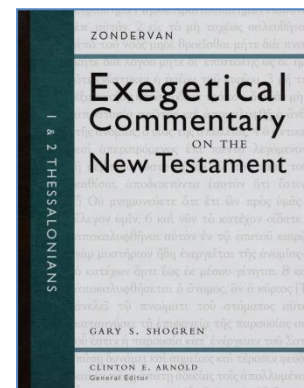
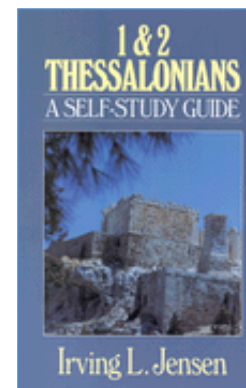
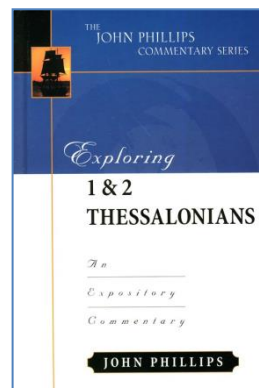
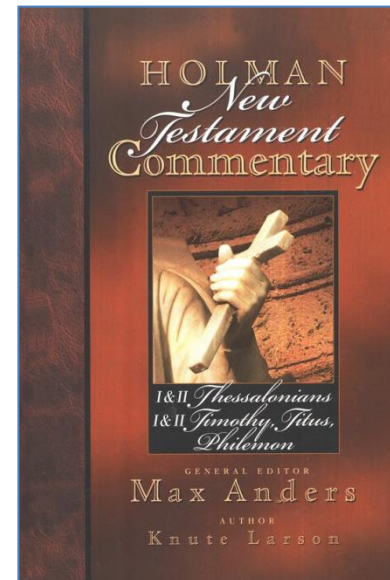
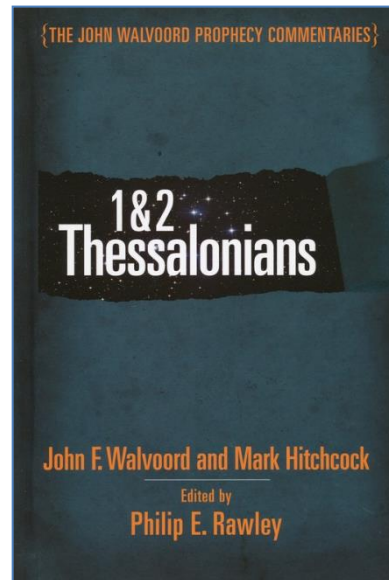


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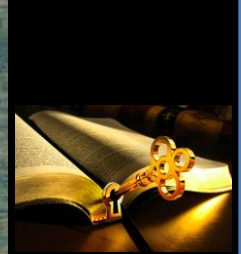
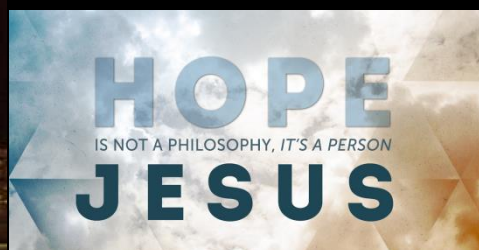
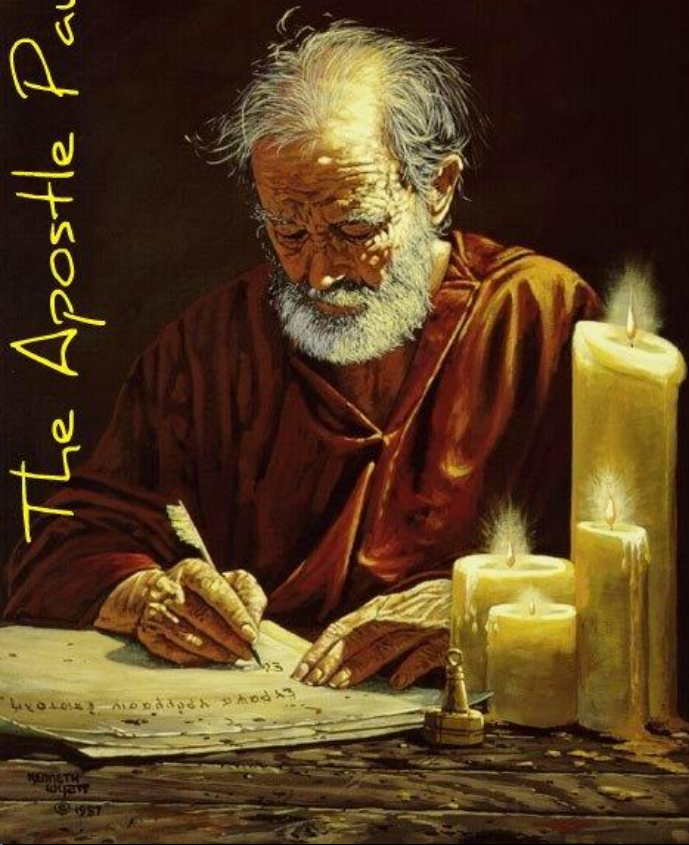




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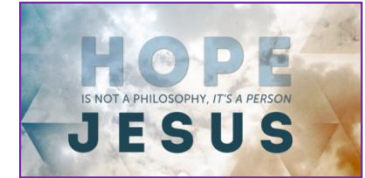


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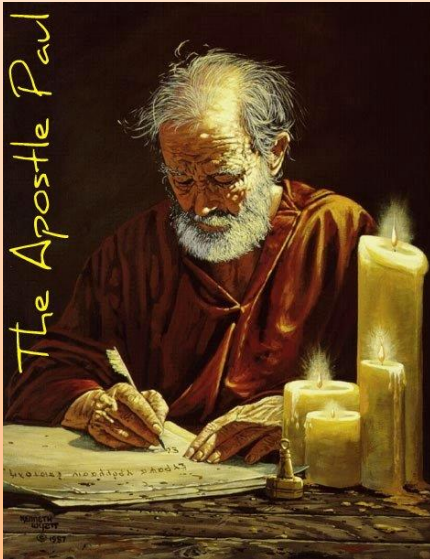
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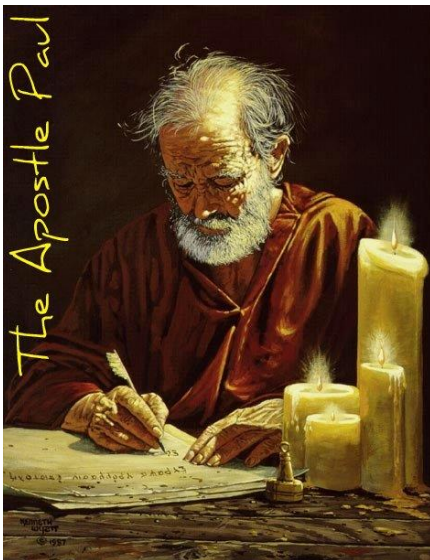
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Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

- Preview ... WORKING HOPE: *PART II*

Paul encourages the **Thessalonian** believers to endure in the face of their persecution. He reminds them that God's wrath will come to their oppressors. Paul then expresses his longing to minister to them again and that he takes great joy in the hope/confidence that they will be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.



Lesson Preview - INTRODUCTION

• Review ... TRUE CONVERSION

In the **first chapter** of the **epistle**, **Paul** **tells** of the “**TRUE CONVERSION**” of the **Thessalonian believers**.

THREE TENSES OF SALVATION

TENSE	TERM	SAVED FROM	THESSALONIANS
Past	JUSTIFICATION	The PENALTY of Sin	TURN to God
Present	SANCTIFICATION	The POWER of Sin	SERVE God
Future	GLORIFICATION	The PRESENCE of Sin	WAIT for His Son

TIME has **3** Tenses.
SPACE has **3** Dimensions.
MAN is **tripartite**.

What do all three of these have in common?

Second Coming Reference

⁹ For **they themselves** declare concerning **us** what manner of entry **we** had to **you**, and how **you** **TURNED** to **God** from idols to **SERVE** the living and true **God**, ¹⁰ and to **WAIT** for **His Son** from heaven, whom **He** raised from the dead, *even* **Jesus** who delivers **us** from the wrath to come

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 ... NKJV

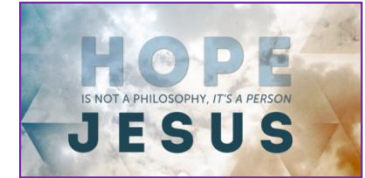
TRUE CONVERSION

- 1) **TURN**
- 2) **SERVE**
- 3) **WAIT**

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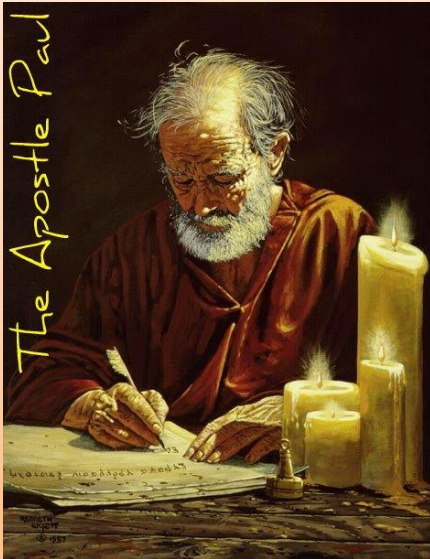
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Receiving the Word of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:13 - OBSERVATIONS

¹³ For this **reason** **we** also thank **God** **without ceasing**, **because** when **you** **received the word** of **God** which **you** **heard** from **us**, **you** **welcomed** *it* not *as* the **word** of **men**, but as it is in **truth**, the **word** of **God**, which also **effectively works** in **you** who **believe**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 ... NKJV

IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU
RECEIVE GOD'S WORD!

Matthew 13

Parable of the Soils

WHAT TYPE OF SOIL ARE YOU?

• The Word of God - Hearing, Receiving and Doing

- For this reason - WHAT REASON?
 - Their "*proper*" reception of the **Word of God**
 - 1) **HEAR** ... you heard from us
 - 2) **RECEIVE** AND **WELCOME** ... you received ... welcomed it
 - 3) **ACT** ... effectively works in you
 - The **Thessalonians** recognized the message **they** heard was the **Word of God** and NOT the **words** of **men**

PAUL'S PREACHING WAS ANOINTED BY GOD.

"That you have not perceived spiritual things is true; but it is no proof that there are none to perceive. The whole case is like that of the Irishman who tried to upset evidence by non-evidence. Four witnesses saw him commit a murder. He pleaded that he was not guilty, and wished to establish his innocence by producing forty persons who did not see him do it. Of what use would that have been? So, if forty people declare that there is no power of the Holy Ghost going with the word, this only proves that the forty people do not know what others do know."

-- Spurgeon ... *On Receiving the Word of God*

Receiving the Word of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:14 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁴ For **you, brethren**, became **imitators** of the churches of **God** which are in **Judea** in **Christ Jesus**. For **you** also **suffered** the same things from **your** own **countrymen**, just as **they** *did* from the **Judeans**,

¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men,

-- 1 Thessalonians 2:14-15 ... NKJV

• Imitators - Of the Churches of God

- The **Thessalonian believers** became **imitators**
 - Because of **their** **reception** of the **word** of **God** and **their** **acting** upon what **they** **heard**
 - **IMITATORS** (*mimētēs*): followers

FOLLOWERS OF WHOM?

- The churches of **God**
- Which are in **Judea**
- Which are in **Christ Jesus**

WHY NOT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST?

- The context for the **Following** / **Imitating** here is...
 - In the **suffering** experienced by the **churches** in **Judea**
 - This does **not preclude** **their** following of **Christ** which they most **certainly** did as "**brethren**" or **saints** of **God**.
 - The **Thessalonians** had suffered from the hands of **their** own **countrymen**
 - Just as the **Judeans** had suffered from the hands of **their** own **countrymen**

Receiving the Word of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:15 - OBSERVATIONS

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-- 1 Thessalonians 2:14-15 ... NKJV

• Who Killed Jesus - And the Prophets

- Now **Paul** takes it to another level

- **He** states that the **Jews** (**Judeans**) **HAD** ...

- **Killed** the Lord Jesus
- **Killed** **their own prophets**
- **Persecuted us** (**Paul** and **his missionary teams**)

- The **Jews** **ARE** ...

- **Not pleasing God** -- *an understatement for emphasis*
- **Contrary** to all **men**

PAST

PRESENT

WHO KILLED JESUS?

The **Jews** had **their** part.

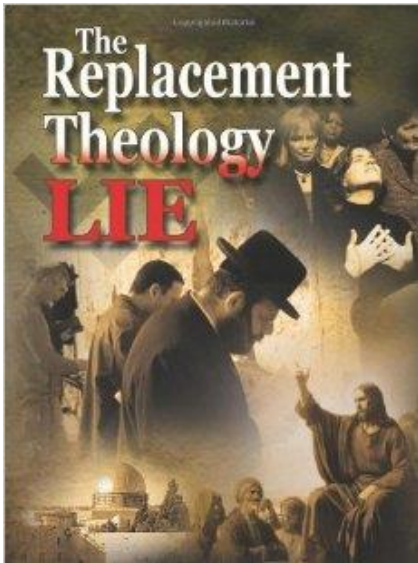
The **Gentiles** (**Rome**) had **their** part.

The truth is... **I** killed **Jesus** - it was **my** sins that led **Him** to **Calvary's cross** - *it was out of His great love for me.*

Receiving the Word of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:16 - OBSERVATIONS

16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure* of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

--- 1 Thessalonians 2:16 ... NKJV



• Forbidden to Speak - To Prevent Salvation

- Paul continues on with his indictment of the Jews who were persecuting him and his teams.
- The Jews ARE ...
 - Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles
 - Preventing the Gentiles from becoming saved
 - Filling up their measure of sin - *measuring cup*
 - Resulting in the wrath of God on them
 - To the uttermost - *without mercy*.

PRESENT

THE WRATH OF GOD IS NOT THE SAME AS THE "REPLACEMENT" BY GOD.

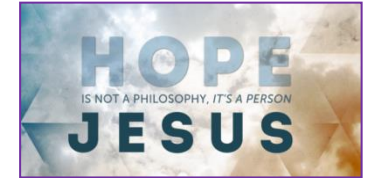
[-- REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY IS A HERESY --]

Read Romans 9-11 - Israel Has Not Been Replaced!

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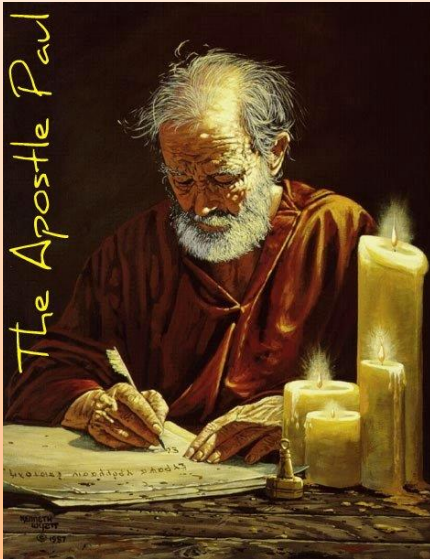
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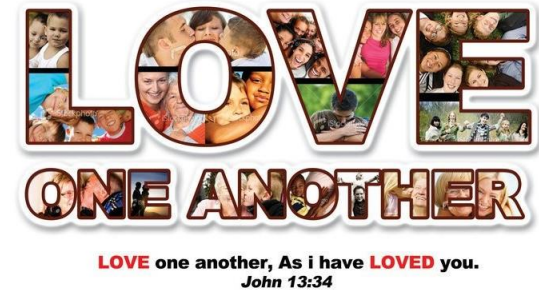
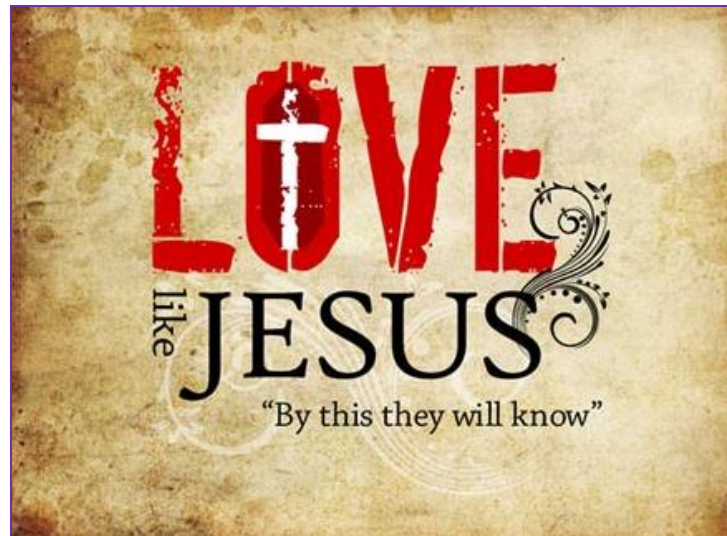
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¹⁸ Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us.

-- 1 Thessalonians 1:17-18 ... NKJV

• Absence - Make the Heart Grow Fonder

- **Paul** expresses **his eagerness and great desire** to see the **Thessalonians believers** “FACE-TO-FACE”
- **Paul** shares that **his team** were **taken away** from **them** for a **short time** - in **presence** but not in **heart**
- “**TAKEN AWAY**”: “to be ORPHANED; deprived of parents”
- Even though **Paul** had not **spent** much **time** in **Thessalonica**, **he** had **developed** deep **relationships** with the **brethren** - *his love for them is evident.*



The Hope and the Hindrance - 1 Thessalonians 2:18 - OBSERVATIONS

17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire.

18 Therefore **we wanted** to come to **you—even I, Paul, time** and again—but **Satan hindered us**.

-- 1 Thessalonians 1:17-18 ... NKJV

• Hindered - By Satan

- Because of this **great desire** to **be with** the **Thessalonian brethren**, **Paul** and **his team** **wanted** to **be there with them in person**.
- **Paul** then lets **us** know that **he** had **attempted** to **travel** to **Thessalonica** **several times**
- **Paul** and **his team** were **hindered** by **Satan**.
- **HINDER**: “to break up the road; make IMPASSABLE”

“But Satan Hindered Us.”

1 Thessalonians 2:18



Delusions

- Matthew 7:15
- Luke 8:12
- 1 John 4:1
- 2 Cor. 11:13-15

Doubts

- Romans 14:23
- John 10:24-26
- John 20:30-31

Diversions

- 2 Cor. 2:11
- 2 Cor. 4:4
- 1 John 2:15-17
- James 4:4

Double Minds

- James 1:8
- Matthew 6:24
- 1 Kings 18:21

Delay

- Luke 9:59-62
- Acts 24:25
- Matt. 25:8-13

Deadness

- James 2:26
- Hebrews 6:1-3
- 2 Peter 3:18

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” — James 4:7

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-- 1 Thessalonians 1:17-18 ... NKJV

• Hindered - By Satan

• **SATAN** is real

- Not a **character** in a red-suit and pitchfork
- A powerful “**fallen**” **Archangel** (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)
 - Pride was root-cause of **Lucifer’s** fall - **God** hates **pride**.
- An **enemy** of **your soul** (1 Peter 5:8)



⁸ Be **sober**, be **vigilant**; because **your adversary** the **devil** walks about like a **roaring lion**, seeking **whom he** may devour.

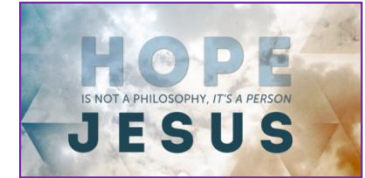
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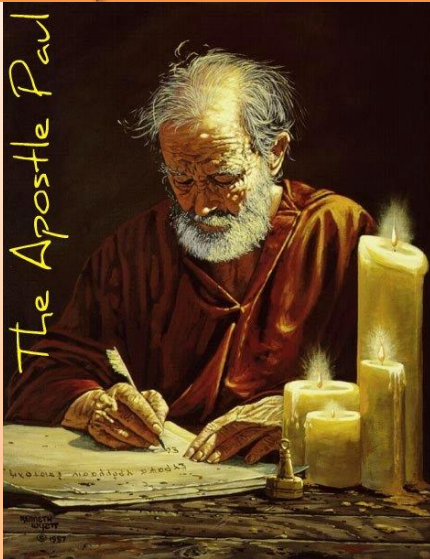
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The Joy of Christ's Coming - 1 Thessalonians 2:19 - OBSERVATIONS

19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

20 For you are our glory and joy.

-- 1 Thessalonians 1:19-20 ... NKJV

• The Joy - Of Christ's Coming

- Paul then poses a question ...

What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?

- **HOPE** : *elpis* - expectation, confidence
- **JOY** : *chara* - gladness, rejoicing
- **CROWN** : *stephanos* - victor's crown
- **REJOICING**: *kauchēsis* - boasting, pride

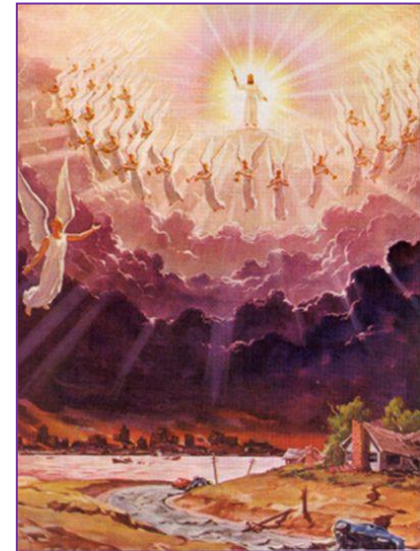
- The answer is ...

Knowing the Thessalonians will be...

- In the presence of Christ
- At His coming

- Paul had a heart for people to receive the gospel!
- Paul had a heart for believers who accept the gospel!
- Paul had pure motives for ministering the gospel!

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, AND WITH OTHERS, NEEDS TO BE ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.



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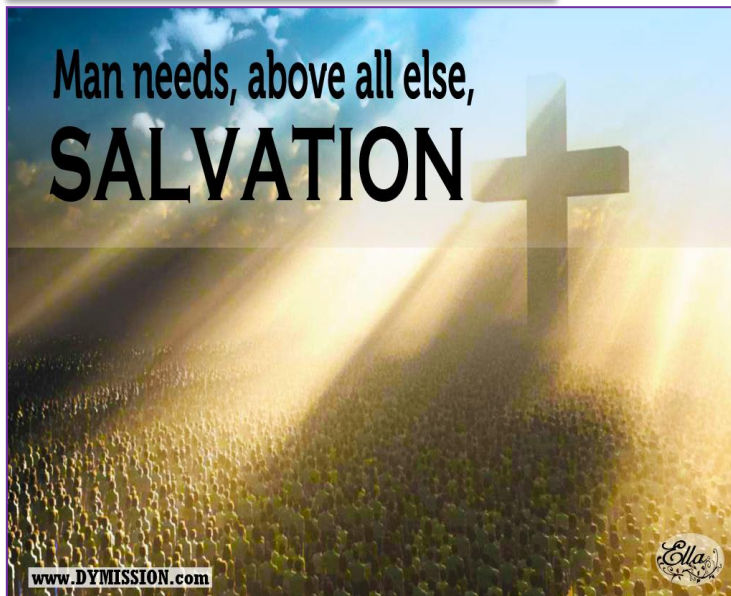
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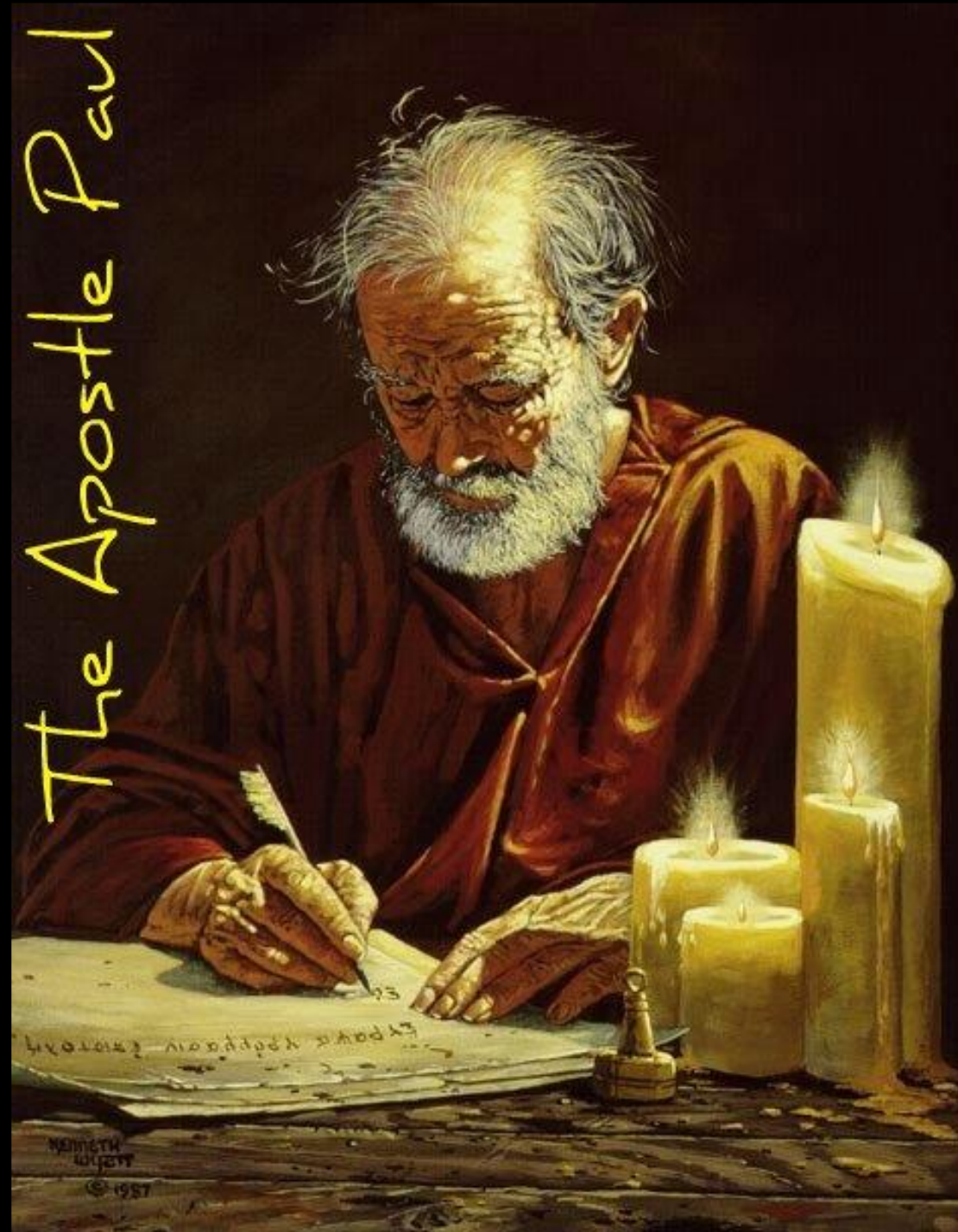
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• The Joy - Of Christ's Coming

- **Paul** emphasizes the **source** of **his** (also **Silas** and **Timothy** - "**our**") **glory** and **joy** were the **Thessalonian believers**.

- **GLORY** : *doxa* - pride, ornament
- **JOY** : *chara* - gladness, rejoicing





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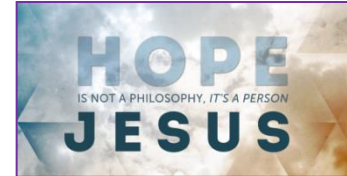
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