



The Footsteps of Paul

October 19

The Footsteps of Paul: Thessalonica

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

Thessalonica

The city was founded in 315 BC by Cassander of Macedon.

Named after Cassander's wife, Thessalonike, who was the half-sister of Alexander the Great.

Saint Demetrius is the patron saint of the city.

Known today as Thessaloniki, it is Greece's second-largest city.

Paul writes to Thessalonica during his 18-month stay in Corinth.



Does Paul visit Thessalonica? On which missionary journeys?

Acts 20:1-2 After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece.

What is the most prominent theme in the Thessalonian letters?

Acts 17:1-10

What typical patterns do we see from Paul and Silas here?

Of what are Paul and Silas accused in Thessalonica?

Acts 17:13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-9

What evidence of the Christians life does Paul see in the Thessalonians?

How did Paul, Silas, and Timothy conduct themselves in Thessalonica? In what ways did the Thessalonians follow their example?

To whom were the Thessalonians an example?

2 Thessalonians 1:1-2 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Who does Paul send in his place?

What is he sent to do regarding the faith?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Why does Paul say that he has no need to write to them about times and seasons?

Acts 1:7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.”

Mark 13:32-33 But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

What is the Day of the Lord?

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Philippians 4:15-16 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

What can we learn about the faith from Paul's interaction with the Thessalonians?

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