



## 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ

Have you learned your background information about the letters to the church at Thessalonica? Find out if you can answer the following questions.

1. On which one of Paul's 3 missionary journeys did he establish the church at Thessalonica?
2. Where was Paul before he came to Thessalonica? (See Acts 16:12-40.)
3. How long was Paul in Thessalonica? (See Acts 17:2.)
4. Why did Paul leave Thessalonica? (See Acts 17:5-10.)
5. Where was Paul when he wrote the letters to "the church of the Thessalonians"?

ANS. (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey (2) Philippi--where he was in prison (3) Only 3 weeks (4) He left by night because of a riot against them started by Jews who had not accepted Paul's message (5) At Corinth

### Do You Know?

1 and 2 Thessalonians are likely the oldest books of the New Testament. They were written less than 20 years after Jesus' crucifixion. They are dated to A.D. 50 to 51.

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### *What is in a Name?*

The name Thessalonica means "victory over the tossing of the law." So when Paul writes to the church of the Thessalonians, it is to the church that is victor over the tossing of the law. What a great name! It is so appropriate that Paul writes to them about the "lawless one" (2 Thess. 2:8)! The ancient name of the city was Thermae which meant "hot springs." There were many hot springs found there. That's not a bad name either!

