

BIBLE READING FOR 2023

WEEK #37 **1 & 2 THESSALONIANS, 1 & 2 TIMOTHY & TITUS** **09-10-23**

Monday - 1 Thessalonians 1-5

Wednesday - 1 Timothy 1-6

Friday - Titus 1-3

Tuesday - 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Thursday - 2 Timothy 1-4

1 Thessalonians is considered, at least by some, to be Paul's first letter. Those who disagree would place Galatians before it. Paul identifies himself as the author in 1 Thessalonians 1:1. He was writing from the city of Corinth while on his second missionary journey around A.D. 52. Having established the church in Thessalonica Paul left rather quickly because of persecution brought on by unbelieving Jews. After leaving there he made stops in Berea and Athens before coming to Corinth. Timothy came to Paul during his stay in Corinth and brought him news of the Thessalonian Christians. It was then that Paul wrote his first letter to them congratulating them on their faithfulness, dealing with some problems and encouraging them. An outline for the book: 1. Personal comments 1-3

2. Deals with fornication and the second coming 4
3. Exhortations 5

2 Thessalonians was also written by Paul from Corinth and probably just a short time after the first letter in the year A.D. 52. He gives them additional encouragement and further instruction in his second letter. An outline for 2 Thessalonians follows:

1. Personal comments 1
2. The second coming and the apostasy 2
3. Church discipline (some not working)

1 Timothy was authored by Paul around A.D. 66-67 probably somewhere in Macedonia (1 Timothy 1:3). His primary purpose is to encourage Timothy in his work as a gospel preacher. He urges him to deal with false teaching when necessary and to always preach and practice the truth. An outline for 1 Timothy follows:

1. Paul's charge to Timothy 1
2. Prayer and instruction to women 2
3. Elders and deacons 3
4. Various subjects and responsibilities of an evangelist 4-6

2 Timothy is the apostle Paul's last book. It was written A.D. 67-68 while he was in prison in Rome for the second time. Paul knows he is about to be put to death and is encouraging Timothy to continue to conduct himself properly as a gospel preacher. The following is an outline of the book:

1. Timothy given instruction concerning being a faithful evangelist 1-3
2. Paul's final charge to Timothy and personal comments 4

Titus is thought to have been written in between the two letters to Timothy. Paul is the author and probably wrote to Titus in A.D. 66-67 possibly from Corinth. Titus, like Timothy, was a gospel preacher, and in the letter addressed to him was given instruction by Paul as to how to carry out his duties as a minister of

the gospel. Titus had been a traveling companion of Paul's to a number of cities but at this occasion Paul had left him on the island of Crete working with the Christians there. Below is an outline for Titus:

1. Qualifications of elders 1
2. Christian conduct 2-3

Questions for 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus:

- 1.) What did Paul commend the Thessalonians for in 1 Thessalonians 1:8?
- 2.) To whom would retribution be dealt in 2 Thessalonians 1:8?
- 3.) What did Paul say about himself in 1 Timothy 1:15??
- 4.) From what did Paul tell Timothy to flee in 2 Timothy 2:22?
- 5.) Paul told Titus that he was going to do what at Nicopolis in Titus 3:12?

Answers to questions for Week #36 – Isaiah 45-66:

- 1.) They will be justified and will glory.
- 2.) He divorced their mother and they were sold for their iniquities.
- 3.) His lovingkindness would not be removed and His covenant of peace would not be shaken.
- 4.) The sun and the moon.
- 5.) God is the potter and His people are the clay.