



Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

The time of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians is one of tremendous encouragement. He is writing to the faithful, suffering church at Thessalonica. Paul has been anxious for them but is encouraged by their faith and wants to encourage them still further.

Letter 1

Chapter 1: Greetings and messages of faith, hope and love

Chapter 2: Paul reflects on his time in Thessalonica and the hard work that was done; he longs to go there again.

Chapter 4: Paul sets out laws for a Christian life and how to be ready for the return of Christ. Are we ready?

Chapter 5: Final instructions

'Always be joyful. Always keep praying.' (verses 16 & 17)

Letter 2

Chapter 1: Paul is on fiery form, with reassurance that God will reward faith'

Chapter 2: Paul warns that before Jesus' return there will be a great rebellion against God, but victory will come, but only through Christ. Paul's advice:

'stand firm and keep a strong grip on the truth..' (verse 15)

Chapter 3: Paul gives instructions for practical Christian living, warning against laziness and gives a final blessing.