

# 1 THESSALONIANS

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Acts 15:36-17:1-15; 18:1-5

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

This letter from the Apostle Paul and two co-workers is among the first, if not the first, of Paul's contributions to the New Testament.

1. Read Acts 15:36-16:40 for the backstory of Paul's second missionary journey (also consult a map). How did Paul and his team come to find themselves in Thessalonica?

2. The background for this church is given in Acts 17:1-9. Describe Paul's method of operation upon his arrival. (What is the basis & substance of Paul's message?)

How effective is his approach?

3. What does Acts 17:2 suggest about the Christian faith?

4. Describe the resistance faced by the missionary team. What is behind it?

What are the missionaries accused of? (What are the implications of the charges?)

5. Why does the same message, evidence & reasoning which moves some to faith move others to jealousy?
6. Outline Paul's movements after leaving Thessalonica (Acts 17:10-15; 18:1-5).
7. Reflect on the significance of the little words "and" & "in" in the phrase, "**in** God the Father **and** the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:1)?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will carry "good news" with me this week by . . .

I will anchor my testimony in the Scriptures this week by . . .

I will right-set my world this week by . . .