

The IHOP Bible Study

THE APOSTLES' 1st THESSALONIAN RELATIONSHIP AND TEACHINGS

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The Apostle's Relationship Reviewed						The Apostle's Instructions for imitating the Christian Life						
Be Imitators		The Apostle's Personal Relationship Examined		Affect and Response		Guidelines for Living the Awakened Life						
Greet-ings	Become imitators of the Apostles	The Apostle's Relationship to the Thessa- lonians	Anticipa- ted persecu- tion	Affected by the Tempter	Standing firm in the faith	Instruc- tions for faithful living	Guide- lines for holy living in daily life	Second Coming anticipa- ted	Living as those in the light	Guide- lines for personal atti- tudes	Be faithful	Closing Greet- ings
Session 1 1: 1 – 3 1: 3 - 10		Session 2 2: 1 – 20 3: 1 – 4		Session 2 3:5 -7 3:8 - 11		Session 3 3: 12 -4: 1 4:2 - 12		Session 4 4:13 - 5:3	Session 5 5:4 – 11	Session 6 5:12 – 22 5:23 – 24 5:26 - 28		

Session 1 Surface Barrier	Session 2 Surface Barrier	Session 3 Surface Barrier	Session 4 Surface Barrier	Session 5 Surface Barrier	Session 6 Surface Barrier
The Struggle with eschatology	“Strong opposition” and rumors about Paul’s ministry	Living like “heathens” on natural inclinations	Trading “peace and safety” for the surrendered life	Living in “the night” of drunkenness	Waiting for 2 nd Coming resulted in little community collegiality
Paul’s Solution Be imitator’s of the Apostles	Paul’s Solution Live as approved by God	Paul’s Solution Fulfill intended creation using the ethic of WWJD	Paul’s Solution The eschatological hope: the Awakened waken other until the day when all of humanity wakes up	Paul’s Solution Bet your life on self-surrender	Paul’s Solution “Test everything,” by is it humane and gracious?
Deep Problem Struggle with idolatry and the Roman lifestyle	Deep Problem The “Tempter” got them; they embrace hopelessness	Deep Problem Age old selfishness makes us out-of-synch with God	Deep Problem Not encouraging each other in the significance of eschatological expectations.	Deep Problem Wayward living	Deep Problem The cop out of waiting for the 2 nd Coming
		Master Problem Moral Decay Master Solution Use Spirit Weapons	Master Problem False Teaching Master Solution Consciousness Raising	Master Problem Moral Decay Master Solution Use Spirit Weapons	Master Problem False Teachings Master Solution Create authentic ministry

