



I THESSALONIANS

Part One

I Thessalonians 3:8

For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

SUMMARY OF THE BOOK

1. The background of the church in Thessalonica is found in Acts 17:1-10.
 - Paul had only been to Thessalonica for less than a month when he was forced to leave because of riots.
 - Many were saved in that short time.
 - Paul had heard nothing from the believers in Thessalonica, and about a year later, he sent Timothy to check on them.
 - Paul was thrilled to learn that his brief labors had resulted in a thriving church.
 - I Thessalonians is Paul's letter to the church after Paul had learned of their great growth in grace.
2. I Thessalonians is the first Bible epistle written by Paul.
3. I Thessalonians is possibly the first New Testament book that was penned.
4. Each chapter of I Thessalonians ends with a reference to the Second Coming of Christ. 1:10, 2:19, 3:13, 4:16-18, 5:23.
5. The theme of I Thessalonians is "Stedfast in the Lord."
6. The key verse is I Thessalonians 3:8.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. We ought to strive to follow up on new believers; nevertheless, the Word of God, once sown, can produce its own results.
2. It should be in our hearts to pray for people that we have been privileged to influence for Christ. 1:2, 3:9-10.
3. Never lose the fire of the new believer.