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I THESSALONIANS Part Two

KEY VERSE: I Thessalonians 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

THEME: Stedfast in the Lord

PURPOSE OF AN OUTLINE

An outline of a Bible book provides you with:

- 1. A <u>skeleton</u> for Bible study. When you begin by outlining a Bible book, you establish a starting point to help you proceed in studying.
- 2. An <u>overview</u>. When you read an accurate outline, you get a quick understanding of the whole book.
- 3. <u>**Perspective**</u>. When you read the outlines of various theologians, you gain their personal perspectives of the book.
- 4. <u>**Context**</u>. An accurate outline enables you to quickly put any verse or verses in their proper context.

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

Chapter One – Paul Praises their <u>Testimony</u>

Chapter Two – Paul Remembers their <u>Beginnings</u>

Chapter Three - Paul Rejoices in their Steadiness

Chapter Four – Paul Points them toward <u>Sanctification</u>

Chapter Five – Paul Instructs them to be <u>Ready</u>

GREAT TRUTHS

- 1. Decide to master the Bible for yourself.
- 2. Don't be afraid to <u>create</u> your own outline of a Bible book or chapter.
- 3. You will *improve* on your outlines as you continue to learn the Bible.

Sample Outlines of I Thessalonians

JOHN WESLEY 1703-1791

- I. The Inscription. 1:1.
- II. Paul Celebrates. 1:2-2:16.
- III. Paul Declares. 2:17-3:13
- IV. Paul Exhorts them to Grow. 4:1-12.
- V. Paul Teaches and Exhorts. 4:13-5:11.
- VI. Paul Adds Miscellaneous Exhortations. 5:12-24.

C | SCOFIELD 1843-1921

- I. The Model Church and the Three Tenses of the Christian Life. Chapter 1.
- II. The Model Servant and His Reward. Chapter 2.
- III. The Model Brother and the Believer's Sanctification. Chapter 3.
- IV. The Model Walk and the Believer's Hope. Chapter 4.
- V. The Model Walk and the Day of Jehovah. Chapter 5.

W. GRAHAM SCROGGIE 1877-1958

Intro 1:1

- I. A Word of Exultation. 1:2-10.
- II. A Word of Explanation. 2, 3.

III. A Word of Exhortation. 4:1-5:24.

Conclusion 5:25-28

JOHN PHILIPPS 1927-2010

Introduction 1:1-2

- I. The Lord's Coming: A Saving Truth. 1:3-10.
- II. The Lord's Coming: A Stimulating Truth. 2:1-20.
- III. The Lord's Coming: A Stabilizing Truth. 3:1-13.
- IV. The Lord's Coming: A Strengthening Truth. 4:1-18.
- V. The Lord's Coming: A Sanctifying Truth. 5:1-22.

Conclusion 5:23-28