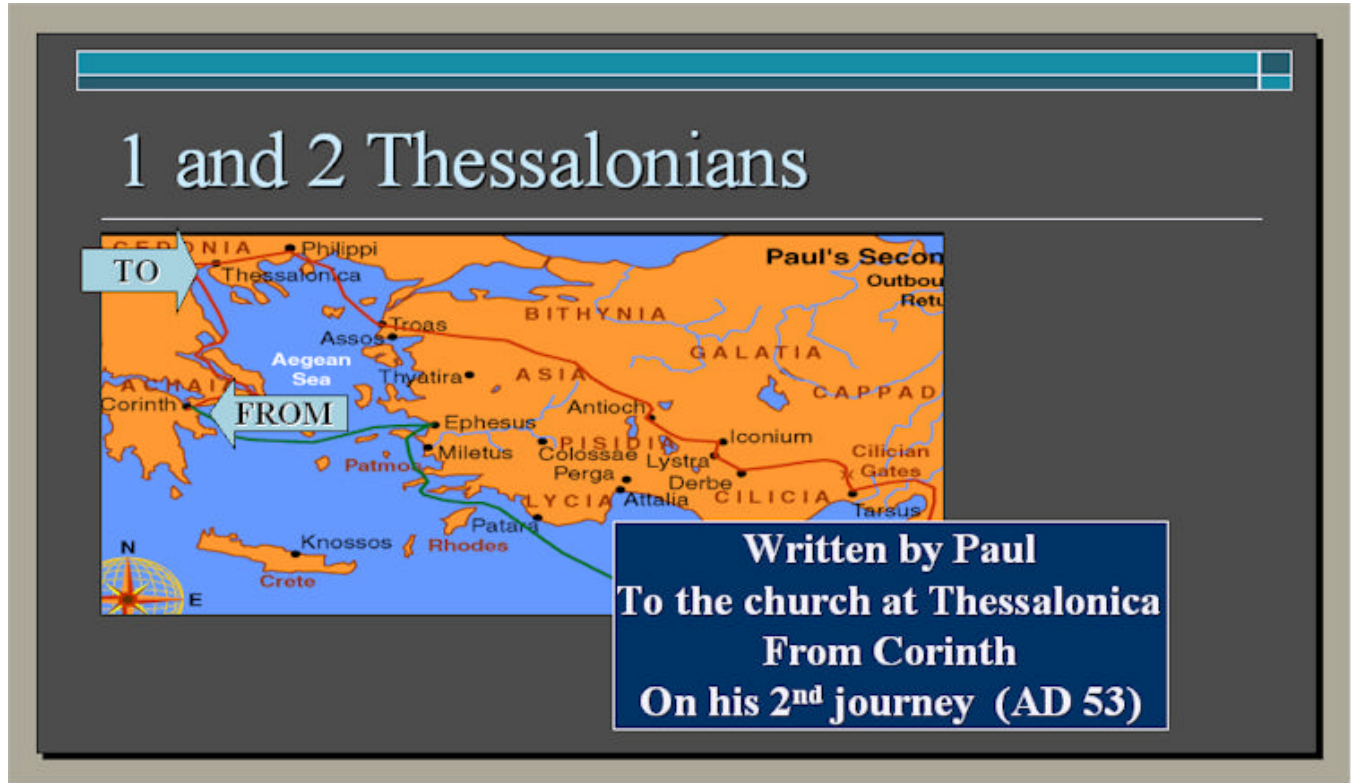


**Letter to Thessalonica:
Be Faithful, the Lord Is Coming**

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Introduction:



- A. About the Thessalonian letters:
1. OCCASION
 - a. There 3 Sabbaths, maybe longer...
 - b. Story in **Acts 17**
 - c. Anxious for those left behind – trials
 - d. Timothy & Silas remain there to teach
 2. NATURE & PURPOSE
 - a. Not doctrinal
 - b. Not controversial
 - c. Gentle, affectionate
 - d. Letter of consolation in face of opposition

Be faithful and watch yourselves ... do right.

Discussion:

- I. 1 Thessalonians
- A. You have done so well (**1:2-8**)
 - **1:9-10** – wait for His Son from heaven
 - B. Our work and your response (**2:1-16**)
 - **2:17-20** – you ... at His coming
 - C. Timothy brought a good report (**3:1-10**)
 - **3:11-13** – blameless at the coming of our Lord
 - D. Abound more and more (**4:1-12**)
 - **4:13 – 5:11** – don't worry, we'll all meet the Lord
 - E. Help each other & be helped (**5:12-22**)
 - **5:23-24** – be sanctified at the coming of our Lord

II. 2 Thessalonians

- A. You will be vindicated! **1:3-12**
 - Take heart!
- B. His return is not immediate! **2:1-12**
 - Be steadfast!
- C. This is your eternal purpose! **2:13-17**
 - Stay focused!
- D. Do not grow weary in doing good! **3:6-15**
 - Do right!

Conclusion:

The Lord is Coming! Nothing else matters.