

Covenant Presbyterian Church

2010-2011 Area Bible Studies

The Books of 1&2 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians Theme: 'The Second Coming of Christ with Grace'

'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.' (1 Th. 4:16-18, NKJV)

2 Thessalonians Theme: 'The Second Coming of Christ with Justice'

'...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe.' (2 Th. 1:7b-10a, NKJV)

Lesson	Lesson Title	1 Thessalonians	W. Houston	N. Houston
1	Welcome to Thessalonica	1:1; Acts 15-18	September 8	September 9
2	An Example to All Believers	1:2-10	September 22	September 30
3	Paul's Parental Care	2:1-12	October 6	October 7
4	Paul's Glory & Joy	2:13-20	October 20	October 21
5	Timothy to the Rescue!	3:1-10	November 3	November 4
6	The Will of God	4:1-12	November 17	November 18
7	An Introduction to Eschatology	Various	December 1	December 2
8	Encouraging Words	4:13-18	January 5	January 6
9	The Day of the LORD	5:1-11	January 19	January 27
10	Church Life and Worship	5:12-22	February 23	February 24
11	Two Benedictions	3:11-13; 5:23-28	March 2	March 3
Lesson	Lesson Title	2 Thessalonians		
12	Progress in the Faith	1:1-4	March 23	March 24
13	The Apocalypse of Christ	1:5-12	April 6	April 14
14	The Man of Lawlessness	2:1-12	April 20	April 21
15	Stand Firm	2:13-3:5	May 4	May 5
16	Be Busy, Not a Busybody	3:6-18	May 11	May 12

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