**LWC New Testament Survey: 1Thessalonians**

1. OBJECTIVES FOR THIS WEEK’S STUDY:
To study the book of 1Thessalonians by applying the Bible study principles.
2. HOW DOES THIS BOOK FIT INTO THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE?
The book of 1Thessalonians is the first epistle of the Apostle Paul. The book is written to the church and it belongs in the Doctrinal Section of the Church Age.

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| 1Thessalonians | 52 AD | Romans | 57-58 AD | Hebrews | 64-65 AD |
| 2Thessalonians | 52 AD | Ephesians | 62 AD | Titus | 64-65 AD |
| 1Corinthians | 57 AD | Philippians | 62 AD | 1Timothy | 64-65 AD |
| 2Corinthians | 57 AD | Colossians | 62 AD | 2Timothy | 66-67 AD |
| Galatians | 55-57 AD | Philemon | 63 AD |  |  |

1. OVERALL THEME OF THE BOOK:
The power of the gospel in salvation, sanctification, and glorification.
2. BOOK OUTLINE:
3. The power of the gospel in salvation and conversion – chapters 1–3
4. The power of the gospel in sanctification – 1Thes 4, 1Thes 5:12-28
5. The power of the gospel in glorification – 1Thes 5:1-11
6. DISTINCTIVES:

The mystery of the Rapture of the Church is revealed in 1Thes 4:13-18 and 1Cor 15:50-54.

One of the circumstances of the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is given in 1Thes 5:1-11.

1. ANCHOR VERSE:
*1Thes 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.*
2. APPLICATION:
	1. I want a faith that works (work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope), according to 1Thes 1:3.
	2. I want a faith that sounds out the word of God in Kansas City and abroad, according to 1Thes 1:8.
	3. I want a faith that withstands persecutions, according to 1Thes 2:14.
	4. I want a perfect (mature) faith that pleases God and fulfills His will for me, according to 1Thes 4:1-12.
3. A FAVORITE THING:
Love the promises of rapture and 2nd coming of Christ!
4. A SUMMARY STATEMENT: A short, easy to read book that is packed with profitable instructions for believers and pastors.