

Basic Training in the Bible

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Tips for Studying Epistles

The Goal in studying the epistles is to _____ the situation

Three types of context:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thessalonica:

- Founded in 316 BC by Cassander, one of Alexander's generals. Named after his wife, Alexander's half sister – Thessalonikeia
- Absorbed around 35 pre-existing towns
- In 146 BC it became a Roman Province and was made the capital and thus the center for Roman administration
- Extensive coinage shows that it was a prosperous city – it was a "free city" like Philippi and it was located on the Egnatian Way

Background: Acts 17



First Thessalonians

Outline:

I. Narrative (1:1-3:13)

Their conversion, evangelism, and the conduct of the Paul and the other missionaries

II. Exhortation (4:1-5:28)

Sexual self control, brotherly love and daily work, and steadfast in the midst of grief

Important points in 1 Thess.

Second Thessalonians

The Church is under threat!

1. Persecution (1:3-10)
2. False Teaching (2:1-4)
3. Lazy People!!! (3:6-14)

This Week's Readings

Monday: Read 1 & 2 Thess
Tuesday: Read 1 Thess
Wednesday: Read 2 Thess
Thursday: Read 1 Thess
Friday: Read 2 Thess