

September 12, 2021 – 1 Thess. 1:1-10
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- ## Understanding Thessalonica

Questions

1. Why was Paul so concerned for the church in Thessalonica?
2. Why would it be so tempting to give up on faith if you were facing affliction?
3. Why do our motives for practicing our Christian faith matter so much?
4. What are some of the idols in our culture that we need to pay attention to so that we do not worship them?
5. What is the wisdom behind serving God while waiting for His return? What does that look like for God's people? What does that look like for you?
6. What was your biggest take-a-way from the message this morning?

Next Steps: September Reading Plan (Week 2)

Day One: 1 Cor. 15-16

Day Two: 2 Cor. 1-2

Day Three: 2 Cor. 3-4

Day Four: 2 Cor. 5-6

Day Five: 2 Cor. 7-8

1 Thess. 4:17 “will be caught up”

harpagésometha – It means to be snatched away or taken away. In Latin, this Greek word is translated *rapturo*, which is why we refer to this event as the rapture.

September Scripture Memory:

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

-1 Cor. 13:4-7 (ESV)

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