Northwest Bible Church – Oct. 15, 2023 – 1 & 2 Thess. – Alan Conner

**1 Thess. Summary & 2 Thess. Introduction**

Intro

**A. PAUL’S MINISTRY IN THESSALONICA.**

1. Acts 17:1-10 -

2. Paul’s escape during the night was a source of criticism.

**B. THEMES IN 1 THESS.**

1. Divine election, 1 Thess. 1:4-5.

2. Importance of Sanctification.

a. 1 Thess. 2:11-12; walk worthy of God

b. 1 Thess. 4:1-10 God’s will is your sanctification, “EXCEL STILL MORE.”

3. The Second Coming.

a. Every chapter ends with a reference to it.

b. The comfort of the coming of the Lord, 1 Thess. 4:13-18,

c. The timing of the rapture is post-trib., 1 Thess. 4:17.

d. As a “thief in the night” is only for unbelievers, 1 Thess. 5:3-4.

4. Community.

a. Mutual ministry, 1 Thess. 5:13-18

b. corporate worship, 1 Thess. 5:19-22.

**C. INTRO TO 2 THESS.**

1. When written?

2. Authors (2 Thess. 1:1).

3. Recipients (2 Thess. 1:1). “in God our Father”.

4. Blessing (2 Thess. 1:2). “grace and peace”.

5. Issues to be dealt with.

6. Outline of 2 Thess.

a. Thankfulness for perseverance in suffering (2 Thess. 1:3-12).

b. God’s people will not be deceived by false teachers (2 Thess. 2:1-12).

c. Thank God for electing grace and its comforts (2 Thess. 2:13-17).

d. Prayer for the spread of the gospel and sanctification (2 Thess. 3:1-5).

e. Stay clear from the unruly, and follow our example (2 Thess. 3:6-16).

f. Final greeting and blessing (2 Thess. 3:17-18).

7. Purpose of 2 Thessalonians -

(1) to strengthen the Thessalonians in the face of persecution (2 Thess. 1:3–12

(2) to correct the false teaching and exhort to stand firm (2 Thess. 2:1–3:5).

(3) to deal with problems (2 Thess. 3:6–15).

Conclusion

Things to Ponder: What are the main things you learned from 1 Thessalonians? Why did Paul emphasize election in 1 Thess. 1:4-5? What lessons for the Christian life can we learn from this epistle? Why is the second coming so important to our Christian lives?