1 Thessalonians
1 Thessalonians – an Overview

THE SETTING

2nd Missionary Journey
With Silas and Timothy
About 90 miles SW of Philippi
Capital of Macedonia
THE SETTING

Paul was “run out” of the city
Has now arrived in Corinth
Writes back to persecuted Christians
Uses no *title*; addresses them as a friend
1 Thessalonians – an Overview

THE SCOPE

Some had died since Paul had left.
Their former Pagan roots offered no hope.
What would happen after death?
Paul encourages them with the Rapture.
Paul warns them with the Day of the Lord.
1 Thessalonians– an Overview

THE SIGNIFICANCE

Notice the end of each chapter as it points us to the return of Christ:
2 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians– an Overview

THE SETTING

A new problem had developed
Someone had forged a letter from Paul
Some thought they had missed the Rapture
2 Thessalonians– an Overview

THE SCOPE

The last days will bring apostasy
Believers are to always be on alert
God is in control
We are looking for Blessing; not judgment!
THE SIGNIFICANCE

The Lord’s return is no reason to be lazy
Don’t work...don’t eat
Work while you wait
1 Timothy – an Overview

THE SETTING

Timothy was converted during 1\textsuperscript{st} Journey
During 2\textsuperscript{nd} journey, he joined Paul’s team
He was raised with the Scriptures
He had a tremendous testimony
1 Timothy – an Overview

THE SETTING

Paul leaves Timothy in Ephesus
He is to settle doctrinal difficulties
He is to organize and administrate efficiently
1 Timothy – an Overview

THE SCOPE

Emphasis on Timothy as a PERSON
Emphasis on Timothy as a PASTOR
1 Timothy – an Overview

THE SIGNIFICANCE

Manual on how to administrate
Manual on how to handle widows
Manual on how to handle elders
Timothy is to make much of the CHURCH
2 Timothy
2 Timothy – an Overview

THE SETTING

Paul is in a Roman prison
He is awaiting execution
This is not the imprisonment of Acts 28
This is Paul’s *Farewell Letter*
2 Timothy – an Overview

THE SCOPE

Exhortations for the Christian Worker:

1. Stir up the gift
2. Study to shew thyself approved
3. But continue…
4. Preach the Word
2 Timothy – an Overview

THE SIGNIFICANCE

Letter of Personal Counsel

Ch 2 gives 7 Metaphors of the Christian Life

• Child, Soldier, Athlete
• Husbandman, Workman
• Vessel, Servant