

Study 5

1 & 2 Thessalonians

The Thessalonian Church

The Thessalonian Epistles

Themes in the Epistles

Motives and Methods of the mission.

(1 Thess 1:6-8; 2:1-12; 3:1; 5:11-12, 14f, 23f; 2 Thess 1:11f; 2:16f; 3:1f)

Content of the teaching

(1 Thess 1:5, 6, 8; 2:2, 4-5, 8, 9, 13; 3:2; 4:1-14; 5:1f, 9-10; 2 Thess 1:8, 2:14-15; 3:1, 6-10)

Return of Christ

(1 Thess 4:13f; Matt 24:30f; Jn 6:39f; 1 Cor 15:51f; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 24:36-44; Lk 12:39f; 21:34f; 2 Thess 1:5-12; 2:1-12; Matt 24:10-31; 2 Thess 2:13-15)

In points, summarise Paul's teaching about the return of Christ in the Thessalonian Epistles:

Extension:

Read 'Thessalonians, Epistle to the', 'Day of the Lord', and 'Eschatology' in the *New Bible Dictionary*

Homework:

Read 1 Corinthians.