

# I Thessalonians

## Theme: Hope in the Second Coming of Christ

### Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - 1 Thess. 1
- Monday - 1 Thess. 2
- Tuesday - 1 Thess. 3
- Wed. - 1 Thess. 4
- Thurs. - 1 Thess. 5
- Friday - 1 Thess. 1-5
- Saturday - 1 Thess. 1-5

### Memory Verses:

- ★ 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 2:20
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- ★ 1 Thessalonians 5:15-23
- ★ Your choice \_\_\_\_\_

### Interesting Facts

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians has 5 chapters, 89 verses, 1979 words, and can be read by the average reader in about 12 minutes.
- ❖ Written by Paul from Corinth in the Spring of AD 50 as the first epistle written unless Galatians was written earlier.
- ❖ The first epistle share the theme of the second coming of Christ and emphasizes that the coming is for the reward of the redeemed
- ❖ Paul wrote the epistle in response to Timothy's good report of their faith and love.
- ❖ The letter is characterized by simplicity, gentleness, and affection.
- ❖ Each of its five chapters ends on the note of Christ's second coming.
- ❖ One short passage (5:14-22) contains fifteen exhortations.
- ❖ There is no Old Testament quotation in the epistle.

### Memorable Outline of 1 Thessalonians

- I. Salutation (1:1)
- II. Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians (1:2-10)
- III. Vindication Before the Thessalonians (2:1-3:13)
- IV. Exhortation to the Thessalonians (4:1-5:22)
- V. Conclusion 5:23-28

### Scheme of Redemption

#### The Return of the Redeemer

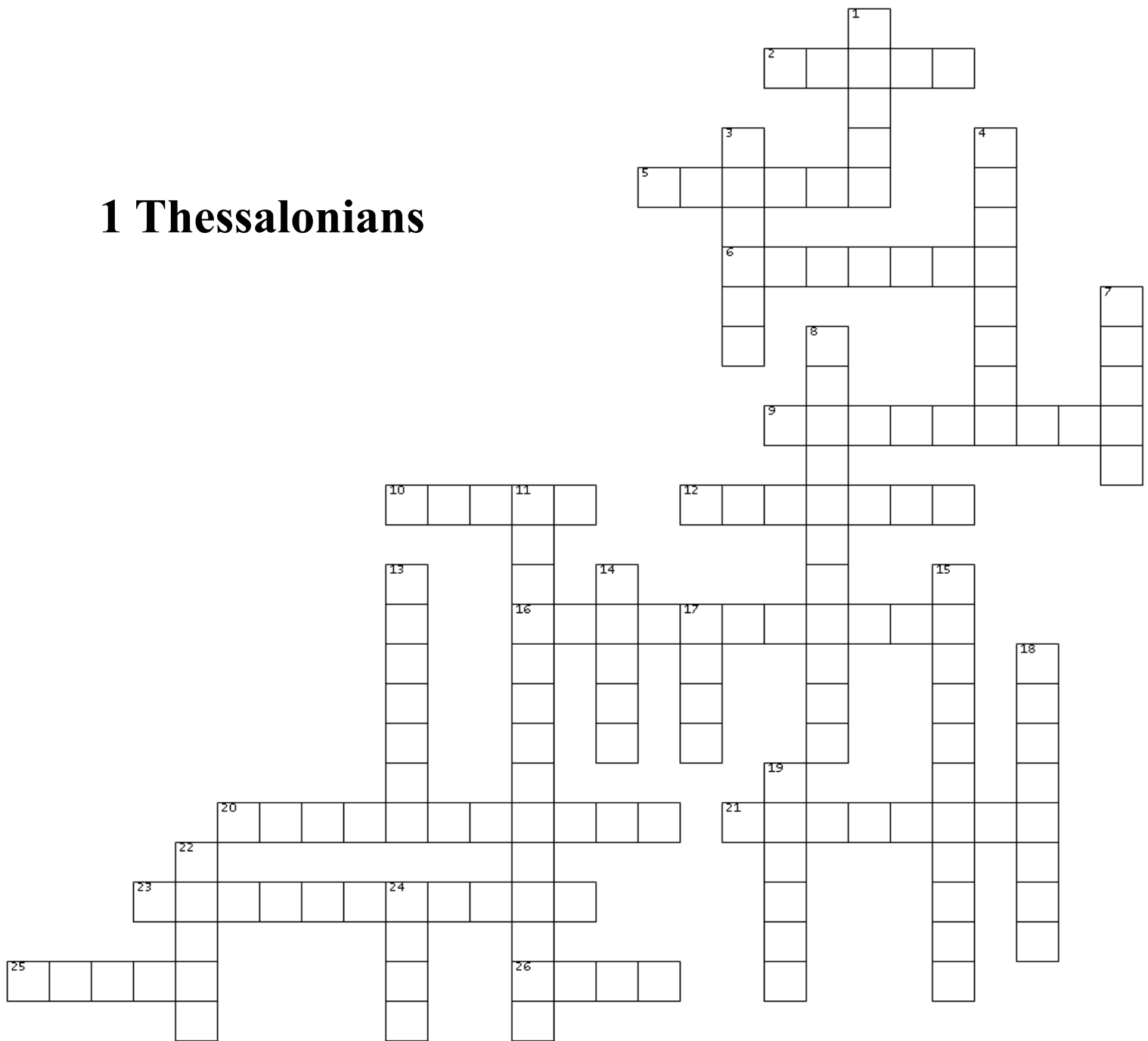
"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (1:10)  
(See also 2:19, 3:13, & 4:13-18)  
"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (5:23)

### What to Look for as You Read

- **The character of Paul revealed.**
- **The emphasis that this writing is clearly divinely inspired.**
- **At least ten different reasons for commending the Thessalonians**
- **Personal greetings of significance.**

### Notes

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## ACROSS

2. Be at \_\_\_ among yourselves
5. Not the Spirit
6. Remember our labour and
9. With the voice of the
10. As travail upon a
12. Timothy brought us good
16. Our \_\_\_ was not of deceit
20. Praying \_\_\_ that we might see your face
21. God hath called us unto
23. Putting on the \_\_\_ of faith
25. Study to be
26. One another

4. Ye are all the \_\_\_ of light
7. Ye turned to God from
8. Ye should abstain from
11. Being \_\_\_ desirous of you
13. Evermore
14. The Lord so cometh as a \_\_\_ in the night
15. He may stablish your hearts
17. Jesus died and \_\_\_ again
18. Walk \_\_\_ toward them that are without
19. Ye would walk \_\_\_ of God
22. Jesus delivered us from the
24. Without ceasing

## DOWN

1. Remembering your work of
3. We were \_\_\_ among you