



I. Introduction, Background, Purpose

- Church established by Paul
- Paul forced to leave quickly, before teaching complete
- Persecution
- Continued theological confusion about Jesus' return

II. Outline and Structure

- I. Opening ([1:1–2](#))
- II. Thanksgiving and Comfort for the Persecuted Thessalonians ([1:3–12](#))
- III. Refuting the False Claim about the Day of the Lord ([2:1–17](#))
- IV. Transition ([3:1–5](#))
- V. The Problem of the Idlers ([3:6–15](#))
- VI. Conclusion ([3:16–18](#))

III. What was the Thessalonians' problem?

A. The Problem **(3:6-12)**

B. The Cause **(2:1-3)**



C. The Solution

Know the truth

Obey the truth

IV. How did the Thessalonians fall into this problem?

A. Our relationship with God in the present

B. Our relationship with God in the future

What can we learn from the Thessalonians

A. We Should Work

B. We should Live Wisely

C. We should live Waiting