

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT-1a

“Introducing the Series”

Selected Passages

Introduction _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE _____ OF THE CHURCH AT THESSALONICA (Acts 17:1-15).

II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER WHAT CAN BE _____ FROM THE ACCOUNT IN ACTS 17.

- A. First, we can learn why it was not _____ to take John Mark on this missionary journey.
- B. Secondly, we learn and receive insight into the Lord’s way of _____ His servants.
- C. Thirdly, from Luke we see the _____ of Israel to turn to God as a nation, and therefore the commencement of the *“times of the Gentiles.”*
- D. Fourthly, we see Paul _____ of witnessing to the lost (Acts 17 not unlike Acts 13).
- E. Fifthly, we gain insight into the _____ of unbelievers (Acts 16:20-21; 17:6-7; 18:12-18).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE UNIQUE _____ OF THE LETTERS.

- A. First, note how the first three chapters _____ how they were saved and how it changed their lives.
- B. Secondly, notice how Paul repeatedly _____ to things which the Thessalonians already knew.
- C. Thirdly, consider how more than any other epistle Paul wrote, these letters _____ Paul’s love and affection for the saints—especially these.

IV. FOURTHLY, NOTE SOME THINGS ONE CAN _____ FROM A STUDY OF THESE EPISTLES.

- A. First, we can expect to _____ how to better proclaim the gospel by studying Paul’s _____ to soul winning.
- B. Secondly, we can expect to _____ important lessons on what loving leadership looks like.
- C. Thirdly, we can expect this study to _____ us of the power of the gospel in the midst of persecution and opposition.