

**Paul's Epistles – 1 & 2 Thessalonians – Jesus' Return**  
The New Testament \* Week 29\* Opening collect: Advent 1, BCP 211

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I. Acts 17:1-9 – The usual

Acts 17:10-11.

II. 1 Thessalonians is Paul's first letter.

A. Why epistles first and not Gospels?

1. Eyewitnesses
2. Oral tradition
3. Jesus coming soon
4. Epistles written ...

B. Why written?

III. Paul's relationship and affection for them -- 1 Thessalonians 2:8-13 –

IV. Jesus' return

A. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 –

B. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

1. 4:13-14 -- “Asleep” =
2. 4:15-17 --
3. 4:18 – “Comfort/encourage one another!”
4. 5:1-3 - No one knows!
5. 5:4-8 – Let's be ready.
6. 5:9 – No wrath!
7. 5:10-11 –

C. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 –

1. 2:1-2 – *pseudopigrapha* =

2. 2:3-4 – “antichrist.” (1 John 2:18-27; Revelation 13)

3. 2:5-9 –

4. 2:10-12 –

V. Practical Paul

A. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 –

B. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

C. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

D. 1 Thessalonians 5:26 –

E. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 –

F. 2 Thessalonians 3:17 –

## **Preparation for next week: Read 1 Timothy - Philemon**

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