



**PAULINE**  
*Epistles*

**Welcome to a New Study on  
Paul's Minor Epistles**

**Sanford church of Christ**

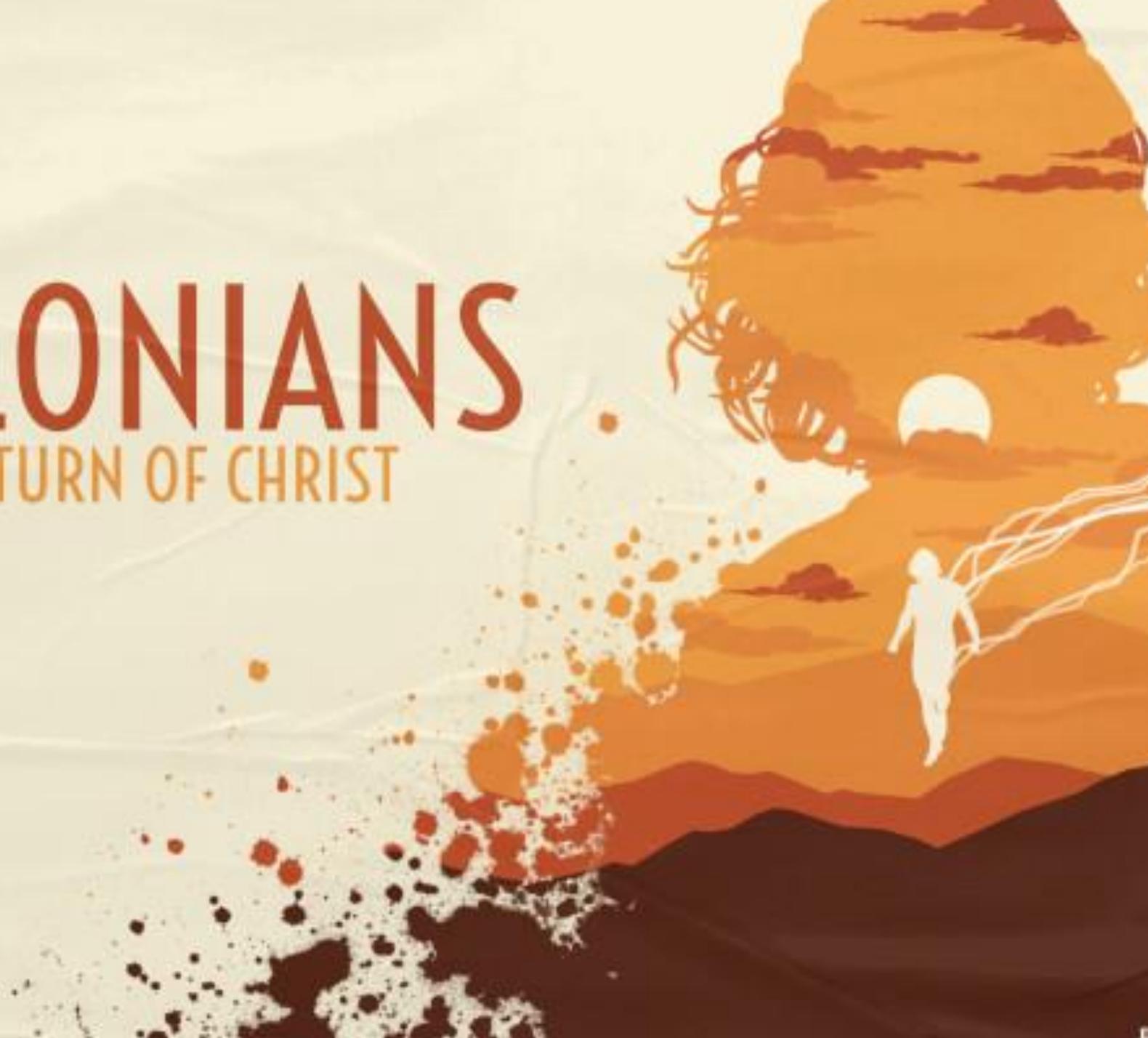
# Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

# 1 THESSALONIANS

WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST



# 1 Thessalonians 1:1 (ESV)

*1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.*



# New Testament Churches



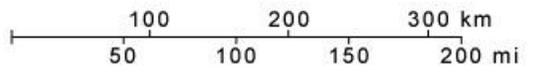
## Background to the city of Thessalonica:

- The city was founded in 315 B.C. by the Macedonian king, Cassander.
- It was named after the king's wife, Thessalonica.
- Rome conquered the city in 168 B.C.
- Thessalonica became one of the capital cities of the Macedonian provinces.
- Thessalonica is along the Via Egnatia.



## VIA EGNATIA

- Via Egnatia
- Via Appia
- - - secondary course or connected roads
- - - sea route



# Background to the city of Thessalonica:

- The city was founded in 315 B.C. by the Macedonian king, Cassander.
- It was named after the king's wife, Thessalonica.
- Rome conquered the city in 168 B.C.
- Thessalonica became one of the capital cities of the Macedonian provinces.
- Thessalonica is along the Via Egnatia.
- The population of the city was mainly up of Greek gentiles, with a few Jews and Romans.
- It was a seaport city where large navy ships were held.

# Background to the Thessalonian Letter:

- Paul first came to the city on his second missionary journey in A.D. 51 - 52.
  - Acts 17:1 – 9



**THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**  
 ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- ( ) Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)

Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Paul brought on charges before Gallio

Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia

Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea

Paul imprisoned

Qattara Depression

0 100 200 300 Miles  
 0 100 200 300 Kilometers

# Background to the Thessalonian Letter:

- Paul first came to the city on his second missionary journey in A.D. 51 - 52.
  - Acts 17:1 – 9
- Paul came back through the city on his third missionary journey.
  - Acts 20:1 – 3



# Background to the Thessalonian Letter:

- Paul first came to the city on his second missionary journey in A.D. 51 - 52.
  - Acts 17:1 – 9
- Paul came back through the city on his third missionary journey.
  - Acts 20:1 – 3

---

# The Date of Letter:

---

- The letter was written by the Apostle Paul in around A.D. 51.
- Paul wrote the letter from Corinthian about six months after Paul's first visit.
- This was one of the first letters Paul wrote.

# Themes of the Letter:

- ▶ Paul's relationship with the Thessalonians
- ▶ The Second Coming of Jesus

# Key Words and Phrases:

- ▶ “Hope” is found 4 times in the letter.
- ▶ “Brethren” is found 17 times in the letter.
- ▶ “Coming” is found 4 times in the letter.
- ▶ “Gospel” is found 6 times in the letter.
- ▶ “Day of the Lord”



# KEY VERSES:

- **1 Thessalonians 1:2 – 3** (ESV) (2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.)
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13** (ESV) (13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.)

# Outline of the Letter

- ▶ Chapter 1: Thanksgiving for the Thessalonian Believers
- ▶ Chapter 2: Paul's Ministry to the Thessalonians
- ▶ Chapter 3: The Encouragement of Timothy's Visit
- ▶ Chapter 4: Holy Living, Brotherly Love, and the Second Coming
- ▶ Chapter 5: The Day of the Lord and Exhortations

# Breakdown of the Letter

- ▶ **Chapter 1: Thanksgiving for the Thessalonian Believers**
  - ▶ 1 Thessalonians 1:2 – 10
  - ▶ To be continued...