

Intro – Matthew 24:42-44

I. Background

A. The city

- Thessalonica – Today _____

- Thessalonica – Paul's day _____

B. The church

- Established 51 AD
 1. The vision _____

 2. Philippi _____

 3. Thessalonica – Acts 17:1-10 _____

 4. Corinth _____

II. The letters to Thessalonica

Timothy's reports to Paul about the young church motivated Paul to write those letters.

III. Main Outline – I Thessalonians

1. Prayer – 1:1-10 _____

2. Defense – 2:1-3:13 _____

3. Exhortation – 4:1-12 _____

4. Teaching – 4:13-5:3 _____

5. Preparation – 5:4-28 _____

IV. Purposes of letter

1. Express _____

2. Defend _____

3. Encouragement _____

4. Teaching:
A. _____

B. _____

Summary

Why study this epistle?

1. Portrait of _____

2. Gain _____

3. _____ ourselves.

