

# Thessalonians – AK 05

## COMMENTER'S GUIDE

### WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

### **Questions 1 – Using ch. 2 of the course (as well as 1 Thess. 2), describe 3 characteristics of Paul's ministry among the Thessalonians. How does your service compare to Paul's?**

#### **1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

Paul lists 6 characteristics of his service in 1 Thessalonians 2:

1. Steadfastness in the face of suffering and shame. Paul had endured much physical suffering and shame for his preaching of the gospel and instead of deterring him, it made him more bold in his proclamation.
2. Seeking approval of God rather than men. Paul was not ashamed before men because he was not seeking to make them like him; Paul's only goal was to stand before God faithful.
3. Sincere, not seek self-advancement. Paul had no personal agendas or ulterior motives for doing his work. His ministry was purely out of love for Christ and His church.
4. Gentleness, as a mother. Paul had the same maternal tenderness for the Thessalonians as a mother caring for her young.
5. Selfless service. Paul was willing to expend himself sacrificially for the sake of the Thessalonians and the gospel.
6. Spotless standard of Christian conduct. Paul's ministry was above reproach in every way so that no one could legitimately bring accusation against him.

#### **1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS**

#### **1 - VERSES**

### **Questions 2 – What characterizes a person living a sanctified life?**

#### **2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

Sanctification in 1 Thessalonians 4 can be seen in abstaining from sexual immorality. More specifically that we are self-controlled and pure through the help of the Spirit not driven by our fleshly passions.

#### **2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS**

1 Thessalonians 4:3

#### **2 - VERSES**

## **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

### **EXAM 1 – In what way had the Thessalonian believers become examples to those around them? (1 Thessalonians 1:6-7)**

#### **1 - COMMENTS**

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#### **1 - VERSES**

- [Ps. 133:1](#) How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- [John 17:21](#) That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- [1 Cor. 1:10](#) By the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- [Eph. 4:3-6](#) Walk in unity.
- [Phil. 2:1-3](#) If there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- [1 Peter 3:8](#) All of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.

### **EXAM 2 – What is your attitude towards difficulties and hindrances you find when seeking to engage in the Lord's service?**

#### **2 - COMMENTS**

- Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Today's Priesthood and Its Sacrifices

#### **2 - VERSES**

- [Matt. 5:11-12](#) Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
- Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
- [Rom. 8:18-19](#) I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- [2 Tim. 2:1-4](#) Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses...endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- [Heb. 12:1](#) Run with endurance.

### **EXAM 3 – What is your reaction to the teaching of this lesson regarding personal sanctity**

## **and purity of life?**

### **3 - COMMENTS**

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### **3 - VERSES**

- [1 Cor. 1:30-31](#) He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.
- 1 Thes 4:3-6 Each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor.
- [2 Tim. 2:21](#) Be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.
- [1 Peter 1:15-16](#) He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

## **EXAM 4 – Are you ready for the rapture? Explain your answer.**

### **4 - COMMENTS**

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### **4 - VERSES**

- [John 14:1-4](#) In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- [1 Thess. 4:13-18](#) The Comfort of Christ's Coming.
- [1 Thess. 5:23](#) Be blameless until He comes.
- [James 5:7](#) Be patient as you await on the Lord's return.

## **EXAM 5 – Give one incident from your own life where you have proved the armor, mentioned in this lesson, to have been an effective safeguard against sin.**

### **5 - COMMENTS**

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### **5 - VERSES**

- [Eph. 6:10-18](#) The Whole Armor of God.
- [Rom. 13:12,13](#) Clothe yourself with armor of light.
- [Ps. 119:11](#) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against Yo.

## **EXAM 6 – Which one of Paul's closing practical remarks (verses 14–22) impresses you most? Explain why.**

### **6 - COMMENTS**

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### **6 - VERSES**

- [1 Thess. 5:14-22](#) Comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give

thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

- [Rom. 14:19](#) Avoid strife and aim for harmony.

### **EXAM 7 – What truth from this lesson has helped you most?**

#### **7 - COMMENTS**

Truth from this Lesson:

- Faith in Christ: [2 Thess. 1:3-4](#)
- Suffering for Christ: [2 Thess. 1:5-9](#)
- Glorified in Christ: [2 Thess. 1:10-12](#)

#### **7 - VERSES**

- [1 Peter 2:21](#) Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

### **EXAM 8 – Are you looking forward to the “Day of Christ”? Why or why not?**

#### **8 - COMMENTS**

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#### **8 - VERSES**

- [Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11](#) We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
- [Rev. 3:10](#) The Church will be delivered from the time of trouble.
- [Phil. 1:9-11](#) That you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.
- [1 John 3:2](#) We will be like Him.

### **EXAM 9 – Should Christ come today, would you go to be with Him or would you be left behind for judgment? Give a reason for your answer.**

#### **9 - COMMENTS**

- Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Complete In Christ

#### **9 - VERSES**

- [John 3:15](#) Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- [John 14:3](#) He will bring us to the place He prepared.
- [Acts 2:21](#) Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

### **EXAM 10 – What truth taught in this lesson has been most helpful to you? Why?**

#### **10 - COMMENTS**

Truth Taught in this Lesson:

- 10 The Sovereignty of God: [2 Thess. 2:13-14](#)
- The Word of God: [2 Thess. 2:15](#)
- The Son of God: [2 Thess. 2:16-17](#)

#### **10 - VERSES**

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**EXAM 11 – Which of the practical truths taught in this lesson has made the greatest impression on you? Why?**

**11 - COMMENTS**

Truth Taught in this Lesson:

- A Word of Prayer: [2 Thess. 3:1-2](#)
- A Word of Assurance: [2 Thess. 3:3-5](#)
- A Word of Command: [2 Thess. 3:6-10](#)

**11 - VERSES**

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**EXAM 12 – How has the study of the course particularly helped you?**

**12 - COMMENTS**

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**12 - VERSES**

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