



NEW TESTAMENT • PAULINE LETTERS

1 Thessalonians

Steady hope while waiting for Christ.

AUTHORSHIP • Paul, with Silvanus and Timothy.

DATE & CONTEXT • About AD 50–51.

The big picture

Paul encourages a young church enduring pressure. He remembers their faith, love, and hope, and urges a life that pleases God in ordinary matters. Questions about believers who have died receive the comfort of resurrection hope. Waiting for Christ does not mean abandoning daily responsibilities; it means living alertly, lovingly, and peacefully while strengthening one another.

Words to carry

“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 • KJV

Live it

01 Encourage a grieving person with presence before offering explanations.

02 Do your daily work with quiet integrity.

03 Thank someone whose faithful service often goes unnoticed.

Pause & reflect

How can hope make me more attentive to today’s responsibilities?

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