

Sunday, December 5, 2021

I Thessalonians 1 and 2

Coke or Pepsi? McDonalds or Burger King? Chocolate or vanilla? Phone call or text?

1. If I Thessalonians has a mega-theme, what do you suppose it is?
2. John raises the point in verse 3 that our lives should be lived so that people following us should also be following Christ. What are some characteristics in our lives that if people were imitating, they would also be following Christ? Conversely, what are some characteristics that if people *were* following they would be at odds with Christ-likeness? Is it valid to say, "Don't follow me, keep your eyes on Jesus"?
3. John spoke about "affliction" among the new believers in Thessalonica (v. 6) How is it the same with us? How is it different?
4. From verse 9, do you think the church in America in 2021 wrestles with idolatry?
5. Does verse 10 prove pre-tribulation rapture?
6. If verse 6 tells us that we're to follow Paul, how would that affect our Gospel presentation (verses 2-13 of chapter 2)
7. Verse 18 says, "Satan hindered us"? Why is this verse *not* at odds with "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world"?
8. Verse 20 says, "For ye are our glory and joy". Explain.