



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 1 Thessalonians 2v13-16

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)

V 13 What two key words are used three times each in this one verse ? Did the apostles convince the Thessalonians with reasons to believe or just quoting God's Word ?

V 14 The NASB translation of this verse is incorrect and could lead one to believe that Jesus is not God, but just that God was in Him. Check the better translations : RV, ISV, KJV, CEV, JND, ASV & LITV. If the "Hebrew Christians" (cf. the title of the book of "Hebrews") in Judea were still "Jews", how could they be persecuting themselves ? Is it possible to be a "Jew" and a "Christian" at the same time ?

V 15 Who "killed the Lord" and "not pleasing to God" ? Is it correct to say that all "Israel" is condemned by this verse as Calvin and the Popes said ?

V 16 Why did the Jews hinder the apostles from speaking to the Gentiles ? Could the "wrath" mentioned in this verse refer to the uprising that led to the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70 AD ?

Let's remember who are Enemy is, "not flesh and blood". Anti-Semitic groups attack the Children of Israel, while God says His warfare is with spiritual powers. Our weapons are not to be physical, but spiritual (cf. Ep6v12-18).