

# 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS

## CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Written by the apostle Paul to the young church in Thessalonica, these epistles focus on the hope and the habits of faith when tested, as well as some key teachings on the end times. The CBS study looks at how Paul's words of encouragement and warning guided new believers and how they apply to believers today.

### COURSE OUTLINE

1. Letters to Christians in Crisis. . . . . 1 and 2 Thessalonians
2. A Man of Integrity . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 1:1–2:16
3. A Pastor's Concern. . . . . 1 Thessalonians 2:17–4:12
4. A Living Hope . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11
5. Encouragement and Warning . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 5:12–2 Thessalonians 1:12
6. Stand Firm in Truth . . . . . 2 Thessalonians 2–3
- RL 1 and 2 Thessalonians . . . . . 1 and 2 Thessalonians

### COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks  
Year first written: 1988  
Year last edited: 2013

### RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for established classes.

### COMMENTATOR

**Dr. William Counts** received an AB from Princeton, an MA from Southern Methodist University, a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a DMin from Fuller Seminary. He served as a pastor for many years, and authored three books: *Freedom from Guilt* (coauthored with Bruce Narramore); *The Incredible Christ*, and *Called to Be Free*.

### QUESTIONS AND "THINK ABOUTS"

**Anne Ruymann** has a BA degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles and an MA from Ohio State University. She has also studied at San Jose State College and George Washington University, and has served as an elementary school principal in Ohio.

**Eileen Guder Triplett** (deceased) wrote extensively on the Christian life for publishers such as Zondervan Publishing House, Doubleday, and Word Books. She also spoke at women's retreats in the United States and Canada.

**Cynthia Bezek** is Editorial Director for CBS. She has an MA in journalism from Syracuse University. As a writer, editor, and teacher, Cynthia has worked in Christian publishing for more than 20 years, and has taught in church and retreat settings, at a Bible college, and in a community-based Bible class.

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# JAMES

## CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The epistle James is one of the most practical books in the Bible. This course's lessons encourage each class member to lead a more consistent, caring Christian life and to explore the practical application of faith in family and society.

### COURSE OUTLINE

1. Faith and Action . . . . . James 1:1
2. Faith and Life . . . . . James 1:2-27
3. Faith and Society . . . . . James 2
4. Faith and the Human Tongue . . . . . James 3
5. Faith and Human Struggle . . . . . James 4
6. Faith and Practice . . . . . James 5
- RL James. . . . . James

### COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks  
Year first written: 1976  
Year last edited: 2011

### COMMENTATOR

**Dr. Eddy Swieson** received his LTh from Melbourne College of Divinity and his doctorate at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. He also studied at George Washington University and the School of International Service of American University. He served as a pastor for many years.

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# REVELATION

## CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exciting study in which Jesus Christ appears in all His glory. He is revealed as the Lamb of God, Bridegroom, King, and Judge. Prophecies are examined against the backdrop of God’s overriding plan for Creation since the beginning of time and on through eternity. Class members will be inspired to worship and challenged to live in watchful readiness for the Lord’s return.

### COURSE OUTLINE

1. Prophecies of Future Events . . . . . Revelation 1:1-8
2. A Vision of Jesus . . . . . Revelation 1:9-20
3. Letters to Four Churches . . . . . Revelation 2
4. Letters to Three Churches . . . . . Revelation 3
5. God’s Throne. . . . . Revelation 4
6. The Lamb and the Scroll . . . . . Revelation 5
7. The Seals . . . . . Revelation 6–7
8. The Trumpets . . . . . Revelation 8-9
9. The Mighty Angel and the Two Witnesses . . . . . Revelation 10–11
10. An Evil Trinity . . . . . Revelation 12–13
11. The 144,000 and the Harvest of the Earth . . . . . Revelation 14
12. Songs of Victory and the Bowl Judgments. . . . . Revelation 15–16
13. Babylon and the Beast . . . . . Revelation 17–18
14. Heaven Rejoices! . . . . . Revelation 19:1-16
15. Jesus’ Triumph and the 1,000 Years . . . . . Revelation 19:17–20:6
16. The Last Rebellion and Judgment . . . . . Revelation 20:7-15
17. All Things New . . . . . Revelation 21
18. “Come, Lord Jesus!” . . . . . Revelation 22
- RL Revelation . . . . . Revelation

### COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 18 weeks  
 Year first written: 1997  
 Year last edited: 2014

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Pairs well with Daniel 12-week course. Not recommended as a first study for new classes.

### COMMENTATOR

**Reverend Timothy Crater** is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM), where he received the Henry Thiessen Award in New Testament Studies. He has served in pastoral ministry for many years, and he is an author and frequent speaker on the subject of America’s heritage of faith. He has served as Special Representative for the Office of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals in Washington, DC.

### 2014 COURSE REVISION

The **Publishing Department** of Community Bible Study has many years of combined experience in biblical teaching, journalism, curriculum publishing, and communications. Several members of the team have formal seminary and Bible college training, and all have experience in practical ministry and community-based Bible study.

