**C. The Second Coming**

1. Jesus will return. | *4:16-17*

2. We will all witness his return. | *4:13-15*

3. Christians should be encouraged. | *4:18*

4. No one knows the hour. | *5:1-3*

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**Next Week: 2 Thessalonians**

***Core Seminars—New Testament***

**Class 24: 1 Thessalonians: Life with**

 **the Kingdom in View**

*Jesus Christ . . . died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

*-1 Thessalonians 5:10-11*

1. **Introduction**

“Your kingdom come, your will be done…” – Matt. 6:10

1. **Purpose & Background**
* Church established by Paul; Paul forced to leave quickly
* Some Thessalonians questioning Paul’s credentials. Others worried about dying before Jesus returns.
1. **Outline**

I. Opening (1:1)

II. Thanksgiving and Defense of Paul’s Ministry (1:2 – 3:13)

A. Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians’ salvation (1:2-10)

B. Paul's defense of his ministry (2:1–2:16)

C. Paul's longing and Timothy’s report (2:17–3:10)

D. A pastoral prayer for the Thessalonians (3:11–13)

III. Instruction and Exhortation (4:1 – 5:28)

A. On pleasing God (4:1–12)

B. On the second coming of Jesus (4:13–5:11)

C. On community conduct (5:12–22)

D. Prayer & assurance (5:23–24)

IV. Conclusion (5:25-28)

**IV. Main Themes**

**A. 7 Signs of a Genuine Ministry**

1. Prayer | *1:2-3, 3:9-13*

2. Self-sacrifice | *2:1-3*

3. Motherly Love | *2:7-8*

4. Fatherly integrity and encouragement | *2:10-12*

5. Desire for fellowship | *2:17, 3:6, 3:10*

6. Joy | *2:19-20, 3:9*

7. Hope | *1:4, 5:23-24*

**B. 7 Signs of a Christian Life**

1. Sexual purity | *4:3-8*

2. Brotherly love | *4:9-10*

3. Respectability | *4:11-12*

4. Being awake to God | *5:4-8*

5. Encouraging others | *5:11-15*

6. God-centeredness | *5:16-18*

7. Discernment | *5:19-22*