

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Topics:

Integrity, Motives, Persecution, Suffering, Teaching, Work

Open It Questions

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Get It Questions

17. How can we judge the success or failure of our work with people?

18. What kind of opposition can we expect whenever we speak out for Jesus Christ?

19. How do the opinions of others influence how we share our faith?

20. How can a desire for popularity (even among Christians) twist our desire and commitment to serve God?

21. Why did Paul work so hard not to be a burden to the Thessalonians?

22. What standards of behavior and care should Christians follow as they try to reach out to people?

23. What is the difference between accepting a teaching as the Word of God and responding to it?

Apply It Questions

24. In what ways can you share your life with others in your efforts to share Christ with them?

25. What can you do this week to make sure that you are trying to please God and not other people?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.



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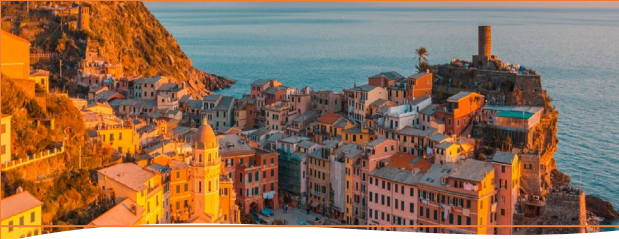
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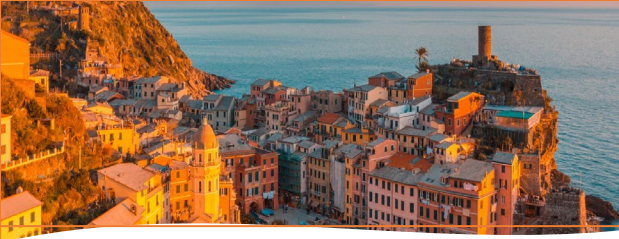
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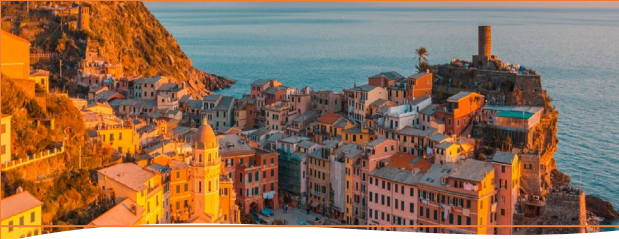


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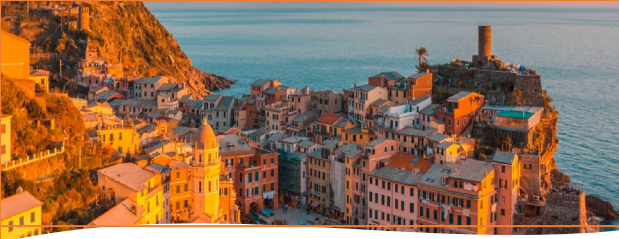
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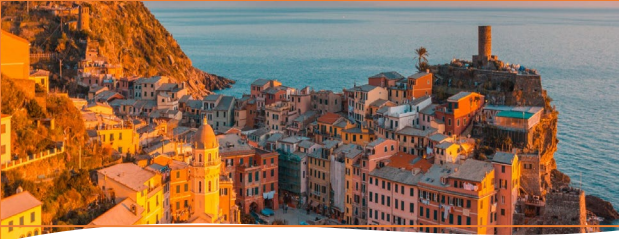


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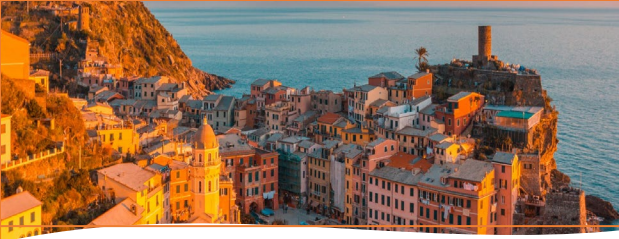


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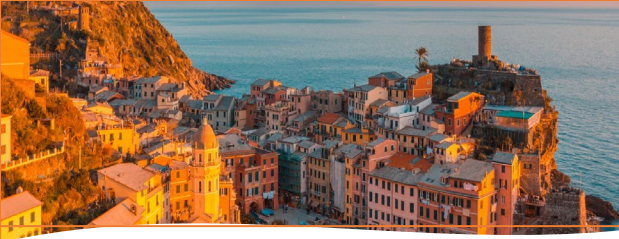


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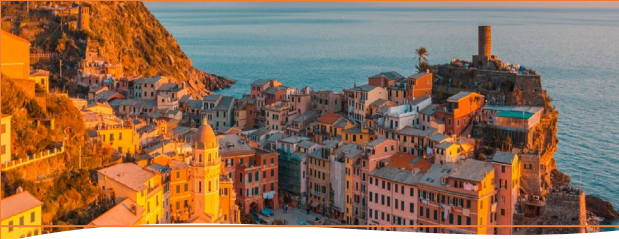
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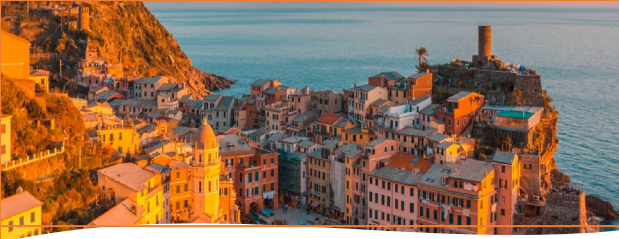


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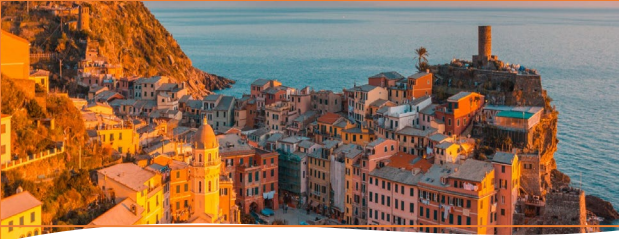
Paul and Silas had been driven out of Thessalonica by their enemies, who then slandered Paul to the young believers in the new church there. This letter answers the accusations of Paul’s enemies by describing what the believers already knew—the truth of Paul and Silas’s message, the sincerity of their motives, and the proof of both by their actions among them. Paul was totally committed to the growth of those who had come to faith through his preaching.



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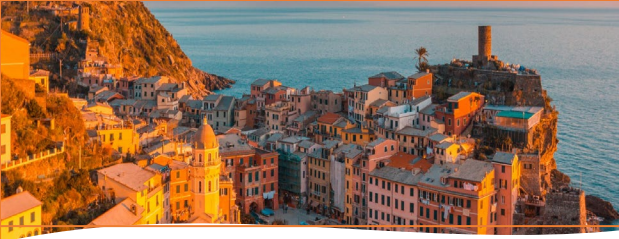
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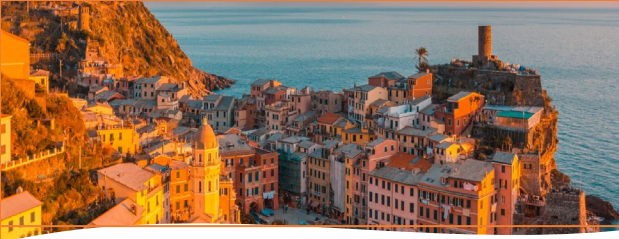
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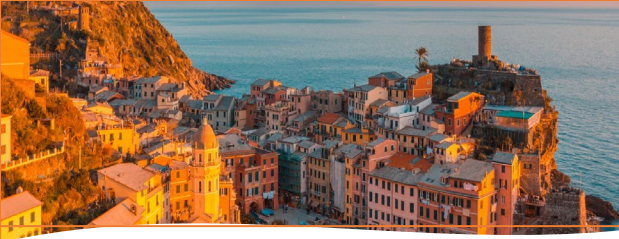
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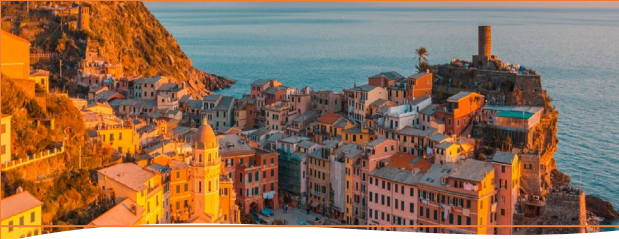
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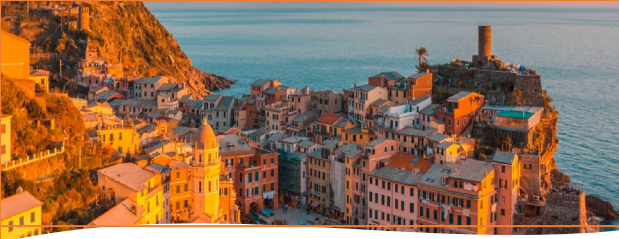
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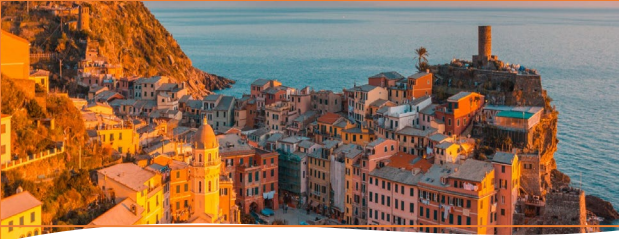
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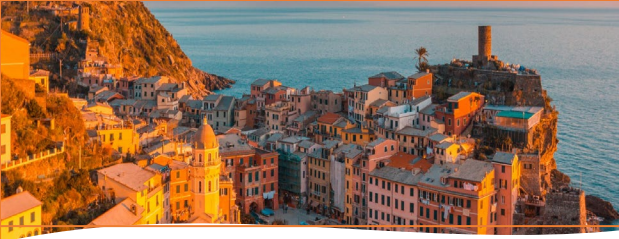
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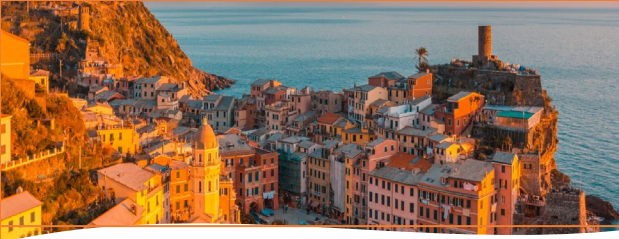
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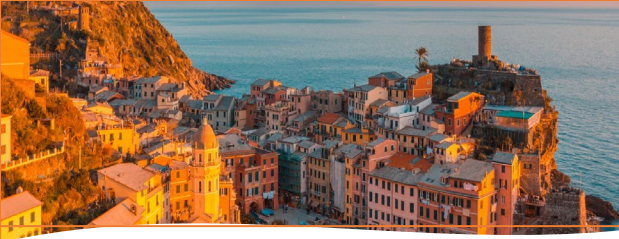
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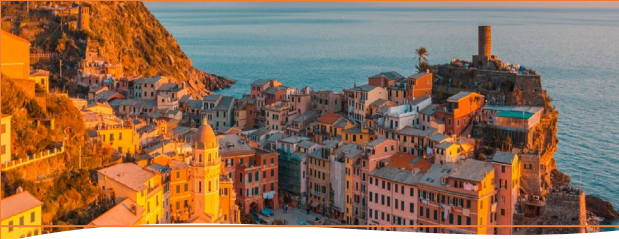
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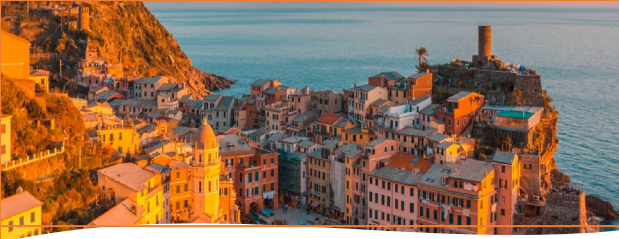
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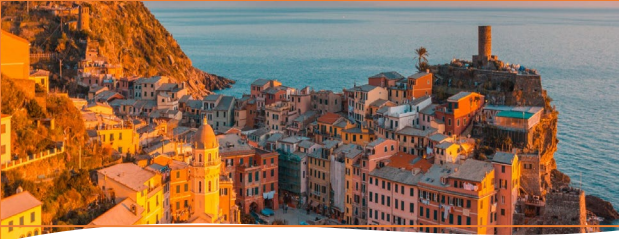
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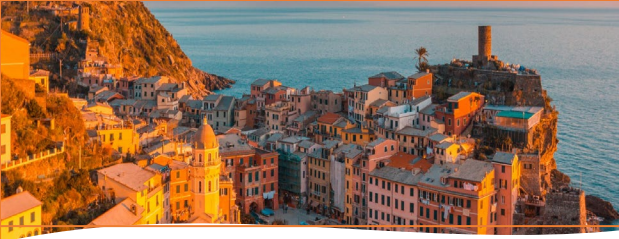
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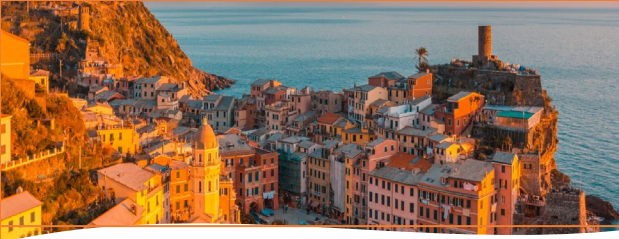
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¹⁴ And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God’s churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews.

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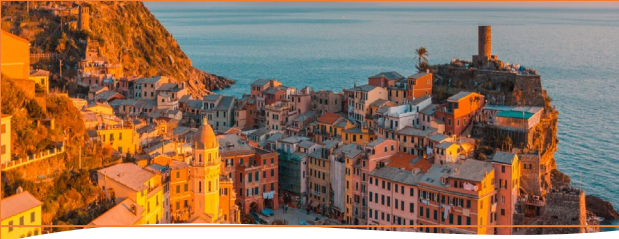
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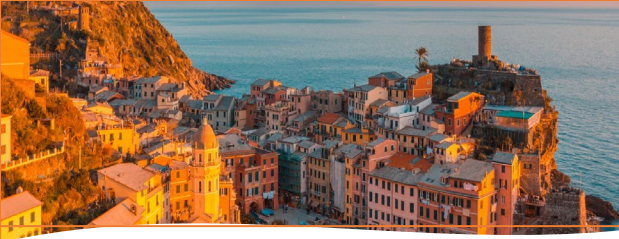
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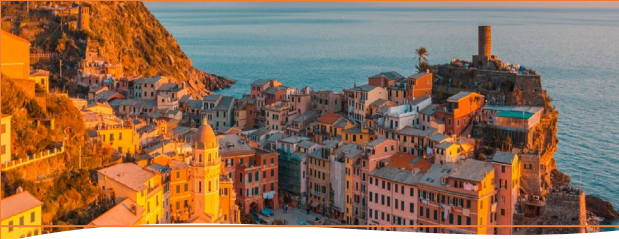
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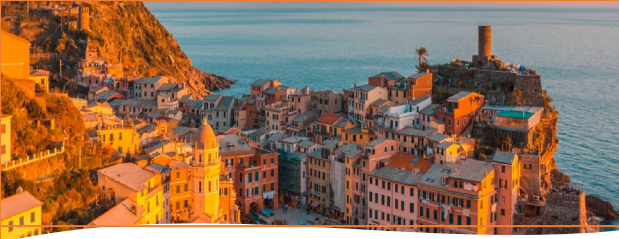
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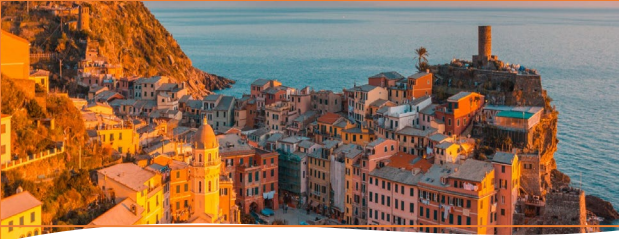
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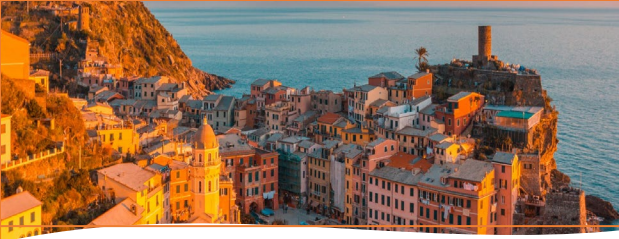
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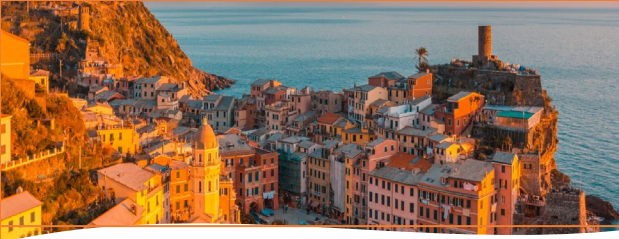
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APPLY IT QUESTIONS
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NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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3:5**

**“Paul Longs to See
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