

Bible Study Handout – October 6, 2021

I THESSALONIANS

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters[Ⓜ] beloved by God, that he has chosen you,⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.⁹ For the people of those regions[Ⓜ] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

It is a wonderful thing when a pastor can think of his church and say, “We give thanks always for all of you!” Paul loved the church at Thessalonica; these people were on his heart, and he was concerned for their spiritual welfare. In this chapter, Paul tells us what kind of a church he left in that wicked city. When we see the characteristics of this church, we should examine our own lives and ask, “Am I helping to make my church a model church in the Lord?”

1. THEY WERE AN _____ PEOPLE (1 Thes. 1:1–5)

How did Paul know they were saved? Because of the evidences in their lives:

A. _____ of _____.

B. _____ of _____.

C. _____ of _____.

