



Dear Church

God's Message to the Church Today from 1 Thessalonians

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Paul's letter to the Church at Thessalonica

1 Thessalonians 1:1-8

Why was this church such an encouragement for Paul?

How was this church able to receive such a great report?

What was the ultimate result the church had on others?

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History of Thessalonica

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History of Thessalonica

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History of Thessalonica

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Acts 17:1-10

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Acts 17:4

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Acts 17:5-6

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Acts 17:7-10

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Paul is Concerned: Sends Timothy

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3

“Therefore, when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, 3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.”

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Timothy's Report

“But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you-“

1 Thessalonians 3:6

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Paul's Letter to the 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 give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

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⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-8

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Paul's Commendation

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly-mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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Work of Faith (Faith that Works)

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:14, 17

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

Ephesians 2:10



Paul's Commendation

Labor of Love

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

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Paul's Commendation

Steadfast Hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

“No faith is the assurance of the things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”.

Hebrews 11:1

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The Reason: How they received a great report?

They were Loved by God & Chosen By God

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1 Thessalonians 1:4

John 13:18

Ephesians 1:4-5

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The Reason: How they received a great report?

Gospel Proclaimed

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1 Thessalonians 1:5

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Gospel Proclaimed

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Romans 2:1-5

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The Reason: How they received a great report?

Two Responses to the Gospel:

Reject the Gospel

Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Romans 1:25

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The Reason: How they received a great report?

Two Responses to the Gospel:

Receive The Gospel

vs 6 “...for you received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit.

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The Result: Imitators & Examples

Became Imitators

Imitators of Paul and of the Lord

vs 6 “you become imitators of us and the Lord”

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The Result: Imitators & Examples

Became Examples

v 7 “so that you became an example to all believers in Macedonia and in Achaia

“Holy spirit had changed their lives; their lives reinforced their message”

-Mathew Henry

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