

# 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1

## I. INCLUSION (v. 1)

- Paul, Silas, and Timothy; all 3 together
- Unity and inclusion
- Church “in” God & Jesus, the idea of resting
- GRACE & PEACE
  - Grace always comes first, Gr. Charis (charity)
  - Peace is the result of the grace

## II. INTERCESSION (v. 2-10)

### 1. ELECTION by God (v. 2-5)

#### A. ACCEPTANCE

- “Give thanks”, continual action
- Makes mention always due to remembrance of the church
- “Remembering without ceasing”
  - Paul in constant state of awareness
  - Perpetual reliance on God
- What does Paul remember?
  - THE work of THE faith
    - The effort toward persuasion in truth
  - THE labor of THE love
    - The work that leads to weariness, exhaustion for love
    - Gr. agape (unconditional)
  - THE patience of THE hope
    - Long-suffering, enduring for the expectation of something
    - *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)*

#### B. ASSURANCE

- “Knowing” (v.4)
  - THE beloved brethren
  - Knowing is the state of mind brought about by finished results
- THE election of God
  - Chosen by God for God

- The idea of finding favor in the chosen object, a completed act
- 2 Tim 1:8-9
- The cross, "It is finished"
- "Our gospel"
  - THE gospel (good news) they brought
  - Not just in word only:
    - With Power, Gr. Dunamis = dynamite
    - With Holy Spirit
    - With Assurance, idea of completely full, full conviction

2. EXAMPLE to others (v. 6-10)

A. AFFLICTION

- "Followers"
  - Became imitators, Gr. Mimeo
  - Not just of Paul, but the Lord too
  - Through much affliction, with joy
  - Joy of the Holy Spirit
- "Examples" (v.7)
  - Because of the affliction, the joy
  - Example, Gr. Root = to strike, beat out
    - Idea of something molded
    - Evolved into a shape to be a template

B. ANNUNCIATION

- "Sounded out" (v.8)
  - Idea of something proclaimed, sounded abroad
  - The word of the Lord travels beyond the smaller region
  - Their faith in affliction, an example/testimony to others
  - Church speaks for itself
- "Manner of entry" (v.9)
  - The ACCESS Paul had with them
  - The AFTERMATH of the effect Paul's teachings had on them
  - The ACHIEVEMENT (witness) of Paul's impact

- Turned to THE God from THE idols (def art)
  - Complete replacement or following
  - One false faith to the true faith
  - Serving God – not as a slave, different Gr. Word
  - Idolatry brings slavery, freedom in Christ
- “To wait” (v.10)
  - Continual process
  - Sense of expectation (theme of this book)
- “Delivered from THE wrath”
  - Idea of snatching or drawing something out for yourself
  - Continual process, no set timeline
  - Wrath = Gr. **Orge**
    - State of mind, idea of vengeance, long-term anger
    - Compared to Gr. **Thumos**, Satan’s wrath, agitated outburst
    - Rev. 12:12 (orge), 15:1 (thumos)
  - God’s thoughts towards us is never wrath but love
  - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says he LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jer 29:11)*