

A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (NIV 1984)

“To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thess. 1:1b and 2 Thess. 1:1b)

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

1) Note v.1. What 3 names are given in the greeting?

From our introduction studies, which two departed on the Second Missionary Journey from Athens of Syria? What was Timothy’s home town?

2) Note v.1. To which church is this letter written?

From our introduction studies, this church is located in which province of Greece? The city of Thessalonica was about how far from the city of Philippi? And it was about how far from the city of Berea?

3) Note v.1. The church is said to be in which two?

4) Note v.1. Note the use of “grace” and “peace.” The typical Hellenistic greeting involved the use of the word “grace.” The typical Jewish greeting involved the word “peace.” As you can see the two are combined here. This is a strong hint that the Gospel is both for the Gentile and the Jew, and therefore God has joined the two groups into one, the church.

5) Note v.2. What pronoun begins this verse? How often is God thanked? The Thessalonians are mentioned in what?

Scholars believe that verses 2-5 are all part of a single sentence in the Greek text; with the main clause beginning here in verse 2 (“We always thank God for all of you ...”). The NIV has rendered it as four separate sentences for ease of understanding in English.

6) Note v.3. Where does Paul remember them? How often does he do this?

7) Note v.3. First, they remember their what? Which was produced by what?

8) Note v.3. Second, they remember their what? Which was prompted by what?

9) Note v.3. Third, they remember their what? Which was inspired by what? In Whom?

Staples of the Christian life = Faith. Love. Hope. See 1 Corinthians 13:13.

10. Note v.4. What relationship term is used here? Loved by Whom?

11. Note v.4. We know that God had done what?

The word “chosen” has led to much debate.

12. Note v.5. Because what came to them? Not simply with what? But with what 3?

The three characteristics mentioned distinguish the Gospel from other messages which the readers may have encountered.

13. Note v.5. They know how Paul, Silas, and Timothy did what? And did so for what reason?

14. Note v.6. What had they become? Of whom?

15. Note v.6. In spite of what? They welcomed what? And did so with what? Given by Whom?

Christ told His disciples that they would be persecuted for His Name’s sake. We should not be surprised if we are persecuted today as well.

16. Note v.7. And so they became what? To whom? Where?

17. Note v.8. What rang out from them not only in Macedonia and Achaia?

18. Note v.8. What has become known everywhere? Therefore we do not need to do what?

19. Note v.9. What was reported?

20. Note v.9. They had turned to Whom?

21. Note v.9. They had turned from what?

22. Note v.9. They turned to serve Whom?

23. Note v.10. And to wait for Whom? From where?

24. Note v.10. What had He done for His Son? What is His Name?

25. Note v.10. What will He rescue us from?

Take another look at v.4. God loves them.

Take another look at v.10. God will deliver them.