



Paul, Silas and Timothy send greetings to the believers in Thessalonica. Paul refers to the position of the Thessalonians in God and Jesus Christ and desires both grace and peace for them. Paul stresses his thankfulness to God for the Thessalonians for turning to God from idols, for maintaining their faith in the face of severe affliction, and lastly for expectantly waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Outline

- **Preview** Introduction
- **Greeting** 1 Thessalonians 1:1
- **Gratitude** 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4
- **Gospel Power** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10



1 THESSALONIANS 1:3 ... NKJV		
Remembering without ceasing your...		
FAITH	LOVE	HOPE
Work of FAITH	Labor of LOVE	Patience of HOPE
In our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father...		

Truths & Principles

- ✓ The Word of God, and the Holy Spirit, convict people of sin and change lives.
- ✓ Believers are characterized by their work of faith, labor of love and their patience of hope.
- ✓ You are the only Bible some people will ever read – so let God's light and love shine through you – every day, in every way.
- ✓ Our future, as Believers is certain – this future includes a life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a life lived in full assurance that we will be delivered from the wrath that is to come.

Applications

- ✓ View life through the lens of eternity, with a heavenly perspective, especially when faced with difficult situations or setbacks.
- ✓ Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life to strengthen your faith to produce fruit that is pleasing to God.
- ✓ Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life to increase your love for God and love for others.
- ✓ Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life to grant you the patience of hope, expecting the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at any moment – the Blessed Hope of all Believers.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Who were authors of the 1st Epistle to the Thessalonians (1:1)? _____
2. Who were on the authors' prayer list (1:2)? _____
3. What were the Thessalonians remembered for (1:3)? _____
4. Their election was by whom (1:4)? _____
5. What did the Gospel come by (1:5)? _____
6. What did they receive the word in (1:6)? _____
7. The Thessalonian believers were examples to whom (1:7)? _____
8. The word of God sounded forth to where (1:8)? _____
9. How did Paul characterize their conversion (1:9)? _____
10. What were they waiting for (1:10)? _____
11. Who delivers us from the wrath to come (1:10)? _____

Study Questions

1. Consider the fact that Paul always traveled with coworkers on his missionary journeys.
 - ❖ What impact do you think they had on Paul?
 - ❖ What impact do you think Paul had on them?
 - ❖ What insight can you glean from this?
2. Reflect on how God views His church.
 - ❖ Does God consider the churches in your area as one church or many churches?
 - ❖ Has God changed His view of His church over the years?
 - ❖ Is the church today different than in Paul's day? If so, how?
3. Contemplate 1 Thessalonians 1: 3.
 - ❖ What are some tangible ways you can increase your work (fruit) of faith?
 - ❖ What are some tangible ways you can increase your labor of love?
 - ❖ What are some tangible ways you can increase your patience of hope?
4. Ponder 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and the phrase "wait for His Son from heaven".
 - ❖ What does this phrase mean to you? Does it fill you with hope?
 - ❖ What are we to do while we wait?
5. Ponder 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and the phrase "even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come".
 - ❖ What does this phrase mean to you? Do you find this phrase comforting?
 - ❖ Does this phrase encourage you to strengthen your relationship with Jesus?