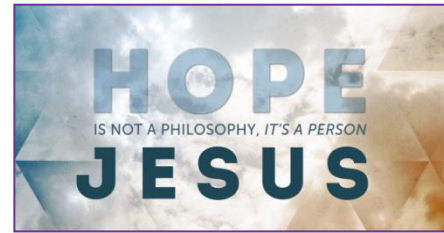




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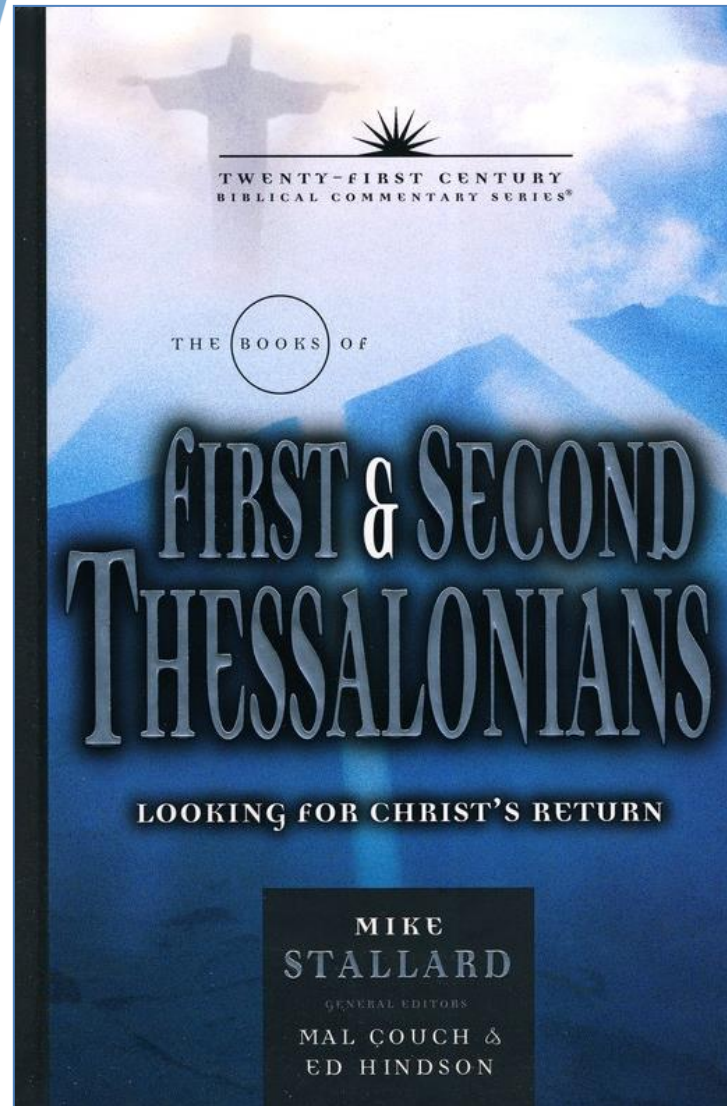
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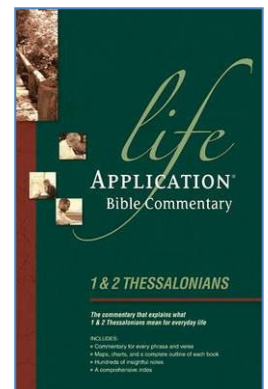
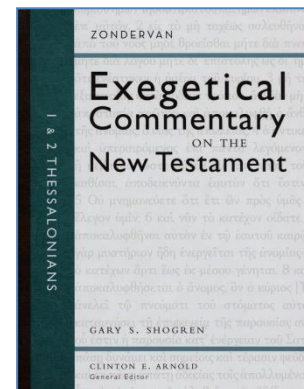
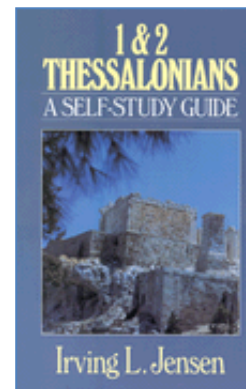
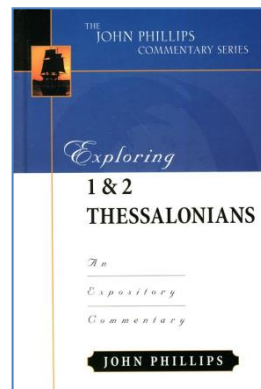
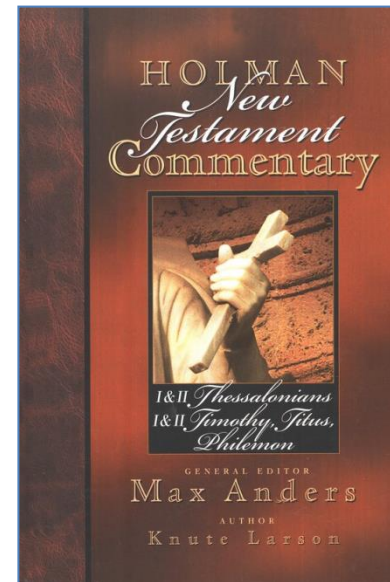
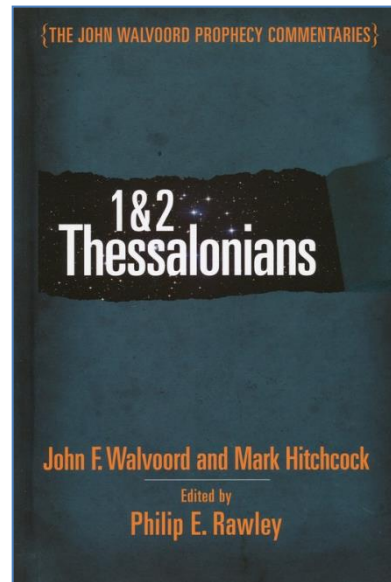


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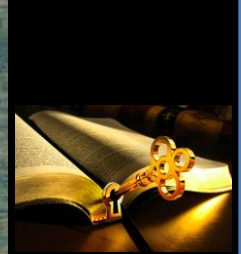
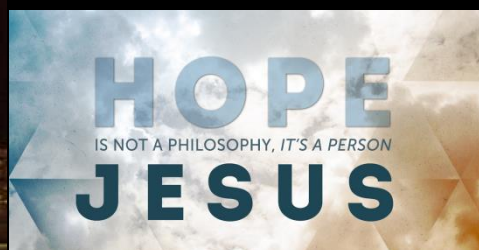
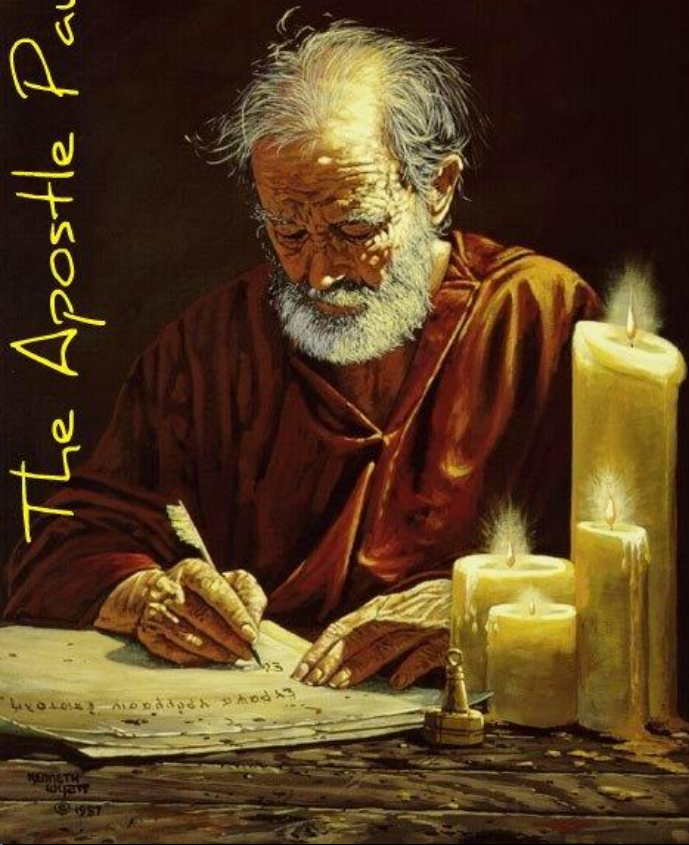




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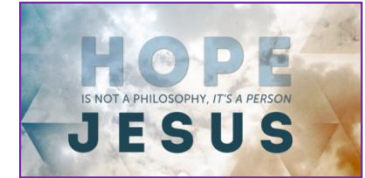


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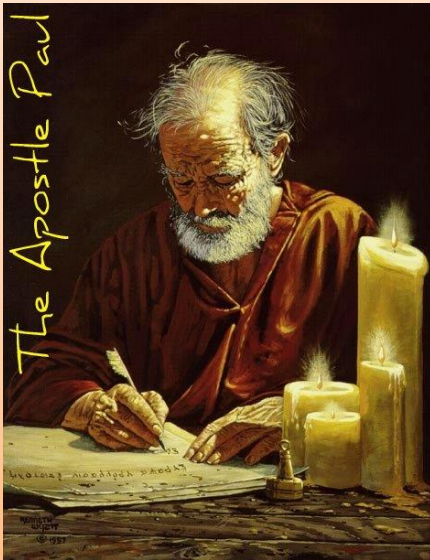
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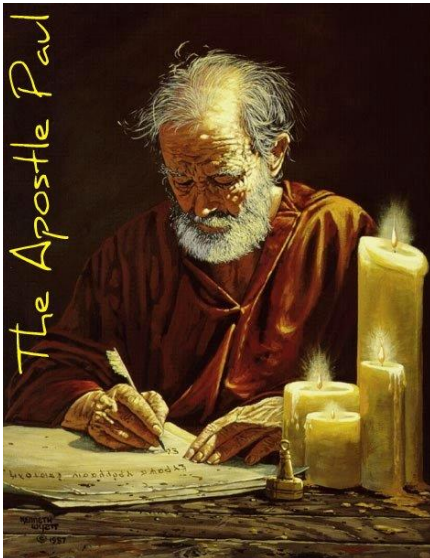
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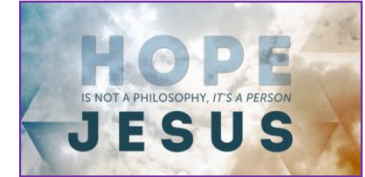
Paul, Silas and Timothy send greetings to the believers in Thessalonica. Paul refers to the position of the Thessalonians in God and Jesus Christ and desires both grace and peace for them. Paul stresses his thankfulness to God for the Thessalonians for turning to God from idols, for maintaining their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



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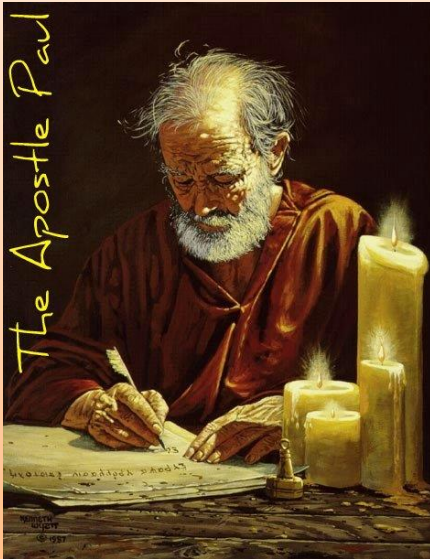
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Greetings - 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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 from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:1 ... NKJV

12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

--- 1 Peter 5:12 ... NKJV

• Greetings - To the Church of the Thessalonians

- Epistle opens in the typical letter format of the time

FROM: Paul Silvanus and Timothy

TO: The believers in the Thessalonian church in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

SALUTATION: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

• PROFILE: Silvanus or Silas

- Paul always refers to him as Silvanus (*Roman*)
- Name means "*god of the woods*"
- Luke always refers to him as Silas
- A respected leader of the Jerusalem council (Acts 15:22)
- A prophet (Acts 15:32)
- A Roman citizen (Acts 16:37)
- Fitting co-worker for Paul and Preacher (2 Corinthians 1:19)
- Scribe for 1 Peter (1 Peter 5:12)

Greetings - 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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 from **God** our **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:1 ... NKJV

Notice Paul does not refer to himself as an apostle ...
Why do you think that is?

God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ ...
On the same level ...
Co-equal

• Greetings - To the Church of the Thessalonians

• PROFILE: **Timotheos** (*Greek*) or Timothy

- Name means “*honoring God*”
- Half-Jewish; half Greek
- Co-salutation in 5 of Paul’s epistles
- Protégé of Paul

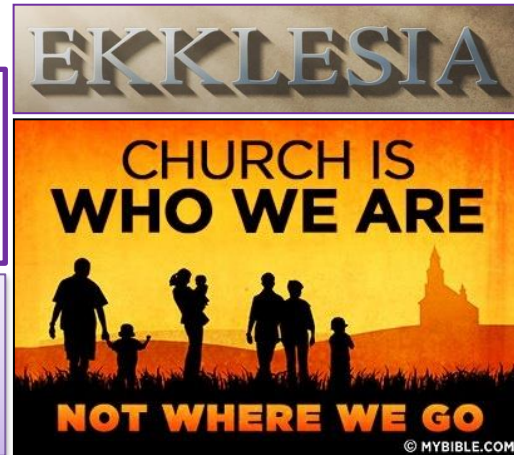
• **CHURCH**: Ekklesia

- Translated “*church*”
- Means “*Called out assembly*”
- Never a building!

A congregation of believers that God has called out of the world - set apart to serve Him.

• “In **God** the **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.”

- Not SPATIALLY - But POSITIONALLY
- Out of the World and into God!



Greetings - 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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 from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:1 ... NKJV

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

-- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 ... NKJV

• Greetings - To the Church of the Thessalonians

• Lord Jesus Christ

- Lord : *kyrios* - a lord, master, sovereign
- Jesus: *Iesous* - a Savior, Joshua, Jesus
- Christ: *Christos* - anointed one, Christ, Messiah

• Grace

- *charis* - favor, acceptance
- God's Riches At Christ's Expense

• Peace

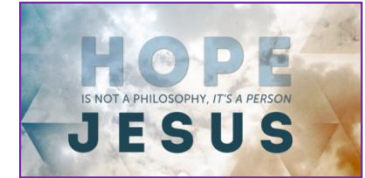
- *eirene* - peace, tranquility
- *shalom* (Hebrew) - peace, prosperity, well being
- Not just the absence of war
- A sense of inner tranquility and well-being from being reconciled to God through Christ

Source of peace

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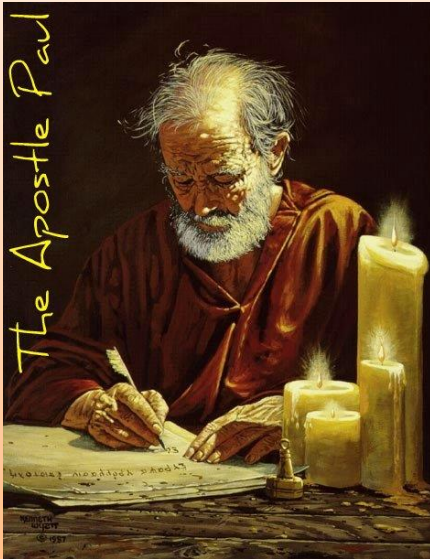
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Gratitude - 1 Thessalonians 1:2 - OBSERVATIONS

² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
⁴ knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 ... NKJV

• Gratitude - Thanks to God

- “We” here refers to Paul, Silas and Timothy
- They express thanksgiving to God for the Thessalonian believers - *directed to God*
- The Thessalonian believers are remembered in the prayers of Paul, Silas and Timothy ... *Corporate prayer*
- From Paul’s epistles we know that Paul had an extensive prayer list - *believers that he prayed for*

*In Everything
give Thanks*

Do you think Paul was a busy person?

YET HE MADE PRAYER A PRIORITY!

What can we learn from Paul’s example?

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

--- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ... NKJV

¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

--- 2 Corinthians 4:15 ... NKJV

¹¹ while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

--- 2 Corinthians 9:11 ... NKJV

Gratitude - 1 Thessalonians 1:3 - OBSERVATIONS

² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
⁴ knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 ... NKJV

Faith, Hope, Love trilogy found throughout the epistles.

We all know 1 Corinthians 13.

• Gratitude - The Grounds for Thanksgiving

- Remember without ceasing
 - Another way of saying - "Never forgetting"

• What is never forgotten?

- The Thessalonian believers':

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- Work of Faith
- Labor of Love
- Patience of Hope

Faith looks back to a Crucified Savior.
 Love looks up to a Crowned Savior.
 Hope looks forward to a Coming Savior

• Faith versus Works

- Works - replace with "fruit" ... *The Fruit of Faith*

• Labor of Love

- Labor: *kopos* - wearisome labor, toil to exhaustion
- Love: *agape* - love, unconditional love

• Patience of Hope

- Patience: *hypomone* - steadfastness, patiently waiting
- Hope: *elpis* - expectation, the object of hope, trust, confidence

Gratitude - 1 Thessalonians 1:4 - OBSERVATIONS

**CHOSEN
BY GOD**

² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
⁴ knowing, beloved **brethren**, your **election** by **God**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 ... NKJV

• Gratitude - For Election by God

- Beloved **brethren**
 - As Believers we are born into our relationship.
 - Born again - we become sons of God ... John 1:11-12

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. --- John 1:11-13 ... NKJV

HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM?

- **Election**
 - Our election is by God
 - Not by our works

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. --- Ephesians 2:8-10 ... NKJV

OT: National Election.

NT: Individual Election.

Gratitude - 1 Thessalonians 1:4 - OBSERVATIONS

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⁴ knowing, beloved **brethren**, your **election** by **God**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 ... NKJV

I'm glad He chose me then.
 Now he might change His mind! ☐

--- Wilbur Smith ... *being facetious*

• Gratitude - For Election by God

• Election

• Love and Election are Connected ... 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. --- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 ... NKJV

- God has chosen you before the foundations of the world
- You are His plan A - God does not have plan B's

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

--- Ephesians 1:4 ... NKJV

Election protects us from thinking of salvation as dependent on human whims and roots it squarely in the will of God. Left to ourselves, we do not wish to leave our state of untroubled sinfulness.

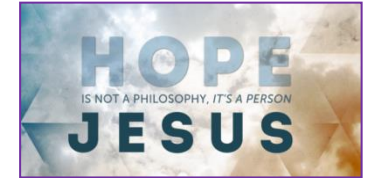
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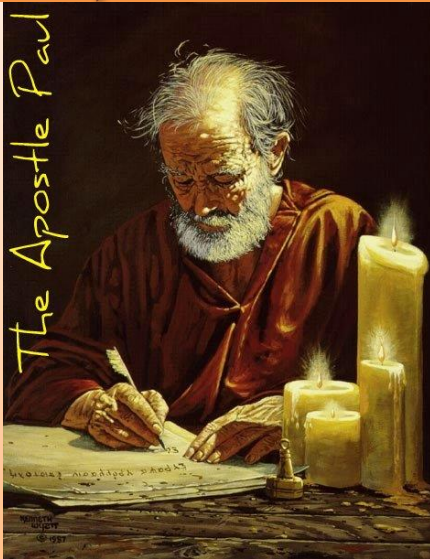
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Gospel Power - 1 Thessalonians 1:5 - OBSERVATIONS

⁵ For **our gospel** did not come to **you** in **word** only, but also in **power**, and in the **Holy Spirit** and in **much assurance**, as **you** know what kind of men **we** were among **you** for **your** sake.

⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,
⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7 ... NKJV

• Gospel Power - Not In Word Only

- The Gospel was transmitted to the Thessalonians in

- Word: **Jesus** is the **Word**
- Power: The **Father** is the **Power**
- The Holy Spirit: **Trinity** Member
- Much assurance: In the Character
 - Of Paul, Silas & Timothy

Gospel came by the **God** in the form of the **Trinity** and faithful witnesses

- What is the Gospel?

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, ⁴ and that **He was buried**, and that **He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures**, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

--- 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ... NKJV

Gospel Power - 1 Thessalonians 1:6 - OBSERVATIONS

⁵ For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

⁶ And **you** became **followers of us** and of the **Lord**, having **received the word** in much **affliction**, with **joy** of the **Holy Spirit**,
⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7 ... NKJV

• Gospel Power - Eternal Perspective

• Follower of us

- Committed to the teaching Paul, Silas & Timothy
- Committed to following the **Lord Jesus Christ**

• Received the word

- In much **affliction** - *in the face of severe persecution*
- With **joy** of the **Holy Spirit** - *supernatural joy*

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light **affliction**, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* **eternal** weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* **temporary**, but the things which *are* not seen are **eternal**. --- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ... NKJV

Do you have an **eternal perspective**?

Even when **afflicted**?

Gospel Power - 1 Thessalonians 1:7 - OBSERVATIONS

⁵ For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

⁷ so that **you** became **examples** to **all** in **Macedonia** and **Achaia** **who** believe.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7 ... NKJV

• Gospel Power - Example to Others

- The example of the Thessalonian believers spread to all believers in ...

- **Achaia** Roman Province in Southern Greece
- **Macedonia** Roman Province in Northern Greece

• Example

typos:

the mark left by a blow, as when a die strikes an image on a coin; an impress, mark, a model pattern, a moral pattern

Are you impressed with the image of **Christ**?



Gospel Power - 1 Thessalonians 1:8 - OBSERVATIONS

⁸ For from **you** the word of the **Lord** has **sounded forth**, not only in **Macedonia** and **Achaia**, but also in every **place**. **Your** faith toward **God** has gone out, so that **we** do not need to say anything.

-- 1 Thessalonians 1:8 ... NKJV

Sounded forth

execheo:

To make to sound forth
Derived from echos - a loud noise

- **Gospel Power** - Spread Abroad
 - Gospel was not restricted to Macedonia and Achaia but spread throughout the Roman Empire.
 - Strategic location of Thessalonica



Gospel Power - 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ For **they themselves** declare concerning **us** what manner of entry **we** had to **you**, and how **you** turned to **God** from idols to serve the living and true **God**,
¹⁰ and to wait for **His Son** from heaven, whom **He** raised from the dead, *even* **Jesus** who delivers **us** from the **wrath to come**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 ... NKJV

DOES YOUR LIFE
 MANIFEST YOUR
 ELECTION IN GOD?

• Gospel Power - True Conversion

• Turned from Idols

- A radical change
- What is an idol?

WHAT ARE YOUR IDOLS?

- Anything that comes between you and **God**

• True Conversion involves

Paradigm

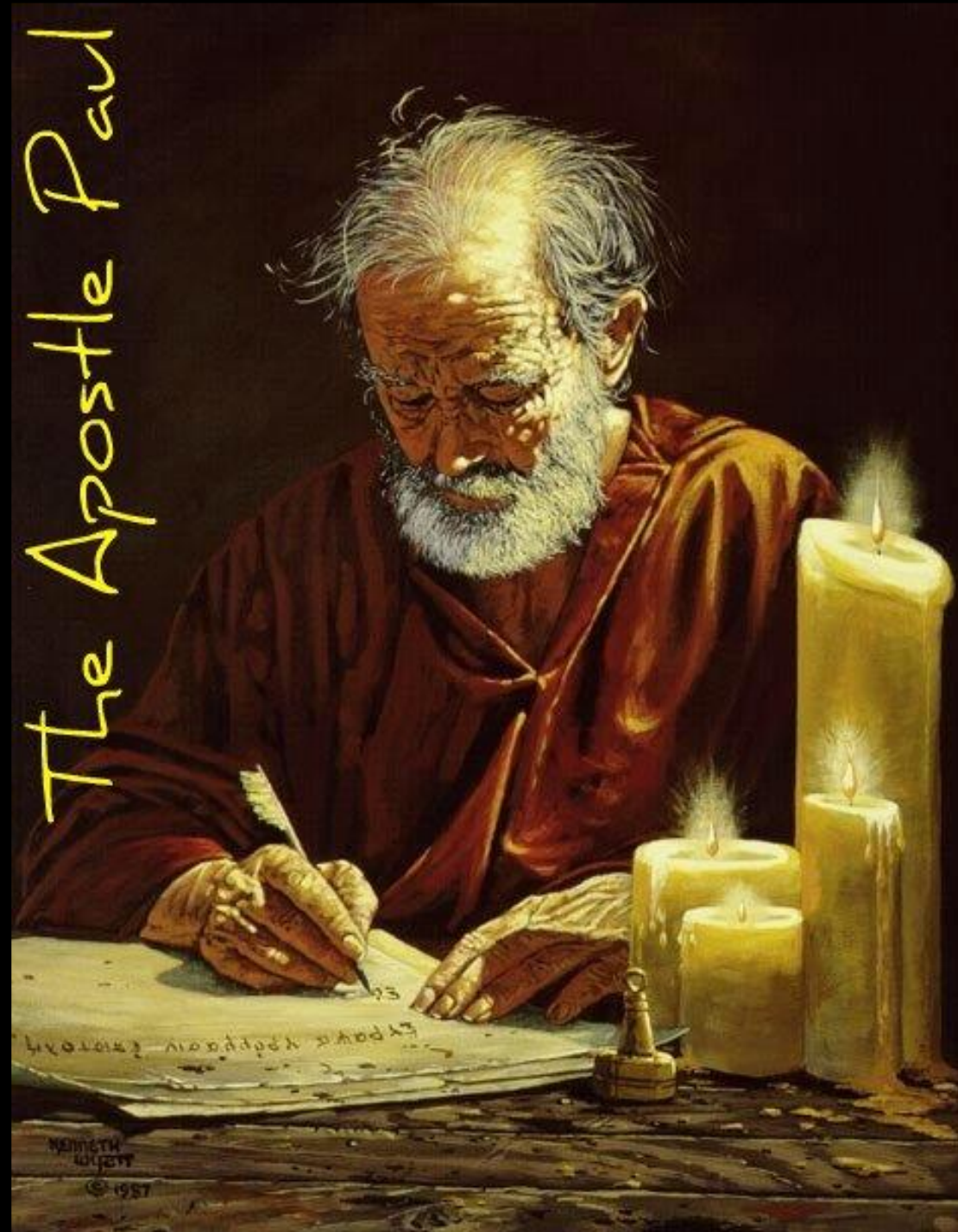
1. Turn Salvation event
2. Serve Sanctification process
3. Wait Glorification event and process

• Second coming of Christ : *Parousia*

- Mentioned at the end of every chapter

• **Wrath to come**

- **Wrath** is the holy revulsion of **God** against that which is a contradiction of **His** holiness
- **Jesus** delivers us completely out of the reach of future judgment - **Jesus as Blessed Hope!**



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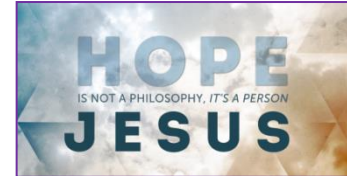
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