

1 Thessalonians - Chapter One

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Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women. Acts 17:4 NLT

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 NLT

1 This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace.

2 We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

3 As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.

5 For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.

6 So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

7 As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

8 And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,

9 for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

10 And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.

Encouragement:

The way we _____

is ringing out _____

Challenge:

Commit to faithful work, loving deeds and enduring hope

**Faithful Work is... _____
our heart and life**

This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 CEB

Loving Deed is... Love in _____

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 1:3 NRSV

Enduring Hope is... Patience in the _____

As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 NLT

GROUP QUESTIONS

GATHER

- *What is something you're thankful for this week?*
- *Do you have any needs? Can anyone help?*
- *Pray: Thanks & needs*

GROW

- *Read: 1 Thess. 1:1-10. What stands out to you?*
- *Re-read the same passage. What stood out to you this time? Why?*
- *What's the application to your life?*

GO

- *Who outside this group can you encourage this week?*
- *Pray: Blessing over the week ahead*

WEEKLY TIP

- *Eat together while walking through the questions.
Bonus: Everyone contributes some grub!*