

## **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. <sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



### **SERMON NOTES**

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### **Thanking God for This Church**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The biggest miracle of all.

“Glass Half Full”

“We always thank God for all of you.” (1 Thess. 1:2)

Not flattery

Difficult task – stayed on my knees.

- I thanked God for your **service** (v. 3)

Work	Faith
Labor	Love
Endurance	Hope

- I thanked God for your **salvation** (vs. 4-5)

“He has chosen you.”

Deep conviction – “plero phorea” (full burden)

- I thanked God for your **story** (vs. 6-8)

“The Lord’s message rang out from you.”

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Do you thank God for this church?

Revelation 12:10 “Accuser of the brothers”

Ephesians 3:14-18 Thanks and intercession

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,