

1 Thessalonians 1-10
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1. God was the very atmosphere in which the Church lived and moved and had its being.
2. Just as the air is in us and we are in the air and cannot live without it, so the true Church is in God and God is in the true Church and there is no true life for the Church without God.
3. The God in whom the Church lives is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and, therefore, the Church does not shiver in the icy fear of a God who is a tyrant but basks in the sunshine of a God who is love.
4. In a short time he was going to deal out warning and rebuke; but he begins with unmixed praise.
5. Even when he rebuked, it was never his aim to discourage but always to uplift.

In every man there is something fine, and often the best way to rid him of the lower things is to praise the higher things.

6. The best way to eradicate his faults is to praise his virtues so that they will flower all the more; every man reacts better to encouragement than he does to rebuke.
7. There is work which is inspired by faith.

8. Someone has said that the sign of true consecration is when a man can find glory in drudgery.
9. There is the labor which is prompted by love.
10. There is the endurance which is founded on hope.
11. The phrase beloved by God was a phrase which the Jews applied only to supremely great men like Moses and Solomon, and to the nation of Israel itself.
12. The word could also mean crashing out like a roll of thunder. There is something tremendous about the sheer defiance of early Christianity.
13. In [1 Thessalonians 1:9-10](#) two words are used which are characteristic of the Christian life. The Thessalonians served God and waited on the coming of Christ.
14. The loyal service and the patient waiting were the necessary preludes to the glory of heaven.