

1-2 Thessalonians: Today and Tomorrow

“A Church that Walks the Walk”

1 Thessalonians 2:1-20

In the first chapter, Paul describes what a great church looks like. Now, he outlines what the relationships within that church look like—godly pastors and devout believers sharing life and living to please the Father. Jesus says that the world will identify us by our deep, abiding love for one another in the church. Our joint participation in the Body of Christ is a great gift.

1. God’s Gift to a People

- **Pastors’ Motives (vv.1-6)**
- **Pastors’ Manner (vv.7, 9-12)**
- **Pastors’ Mission (v.8)**

2. God’s Gift to a Pastor

- **Church’s Foundation (v.13)**
- **Church’s Imitation (v.14)**
- **Church’s Opposition (vv.15, 16)**

3. Evergreen’s Gift to the Lord

- **Visible Affection Here (vv.17, 18)**
- **Victorious Adoration There (vv.19, 20)**