

1-2 Thessalonians: Today and Tomorrow

“The Art of Church Construction”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

How do you build a great church? How do you recognize one? What traits does it display? Paul knew the answers to these questions and he often pointed to the church at Thessalonica as an example of a great church. Not defined by size or programs, a great church demonstrates faith in ways which bring God pleasure.

1. A Great Church Identified (vv.1, 2)

- **By Position (v.1)**
- **By Prayer (v.2)**

2. A Great Church Qualified (vv.3-6)

- **By Election: “your work produced by faith” (vv.4, 5a)**
- **By Example: “your labor prompted by love” (vv.5b, 6a)**
- **By Expectation: “your endurance inspired by hope” (v.6b)**

3. A Great Church Magnified (vv.7-10)

- **By Modeling God’s Message (vv.7, 8)**
- **By Ministering God’s Grace (v.9)**
- **By Maintaining God’s Promise (v.10)**