

**Be ready. Be ready. Be ready.**

October 17, 2021

I Thessalonians 1:4-10

*"After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:*

*"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him." (John 17:1-2)*

*"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you," (I Thessalonians 1:4)*

What Do We Know?

1. We know that our salvation \_\_\_\_\_ with our gracious God.

*"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth." (II Thessalonians 2:13)*

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit..." (John 15:16)*

2. Our salvation involves \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people." (Romans 5:18)*

*"Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you." (I Thessalonians 1:1)*

3. We understand that our salvation involves \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8)*

*"because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake." (I Thessalonians 1:5)*

*"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," (I Thessalonians 1:9)*

4. Our salvation involves the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Our salvation \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

6. Love is also \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation.

*"...God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)*

*"If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15)*

7. Evidence for our Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ (waiting for Jesus to return).

*"to wait for his Son from heaven whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." (I Thessalonians 1:10)*

A. They received the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake."  
(I Thessalonians 1:5)*

B. They \_\_\_\_\_ their spiritual leaders.

*"You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."  
(I Thessalonians 1:6)*

*"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."  
(Hebrews 13:17)*

C. When they turned from their idols, they suffered \_\_\_\_\_.

D. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of other individuals and churches.

*"And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia."  
(I Thessalonians 1:7)*

E. They were \_\_\_\_\_ in their labor of love.

*"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"  
(I Thess 1:8)*

*"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."  
(Acts 18:9-10)*

*"He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
(II Thessalonians 2:14)*

F. These are \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*"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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."  
(I Thessalonians 1:9-10)*

G. Christians are children of the \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Romans 9:26 - *"they shall be called sons of the living God."*

*"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."  
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)*