

To Wait for His Son From Heaven

I Thess 1: 10

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- I Thessalonian is fascinating because....
 - It is the first letter Paul is writing to churches
 - It has now been one year since he was with them
 - He finishes his opening to this church with two directives
 - Serve the living and true God
 - Wait for His Son from heaven
- Remember Paul was only in Thessalonica for 3 Sabbaths (Acts 17: 1-3) before being expelled

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- Isn't it interesting that in the first letter he ever wrote; he speaks to them about waiting for God's Son to return??
- Why would Paul do this?
 - Vs 9 may hold the answer
 - Turned to God from idols
 - To serve the living and true God
 - Paganism is steeped in death
 - Shrines to remember certain saints etc.

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- Buddhist hold to a never-ending cycle of life
 - Through reincarnation until one attains nirvana
 - A state of nothingness....no pain or suffering
- Hindus also believe very much in reincarnation
 - Cannot eat meat because you might be eating Uncle Ralphie or Aunt Bessie
- In Mexico and much of South America....
 - Greatest celebration of the year is November 1
 - The “Day of the Dead”

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- In verse 10, Paul addresses three aspects that stand apart from paganism
 - First.....to wait for His Son from heaven
 - Second.....whom He raised from the dead (Jesus)
 - Third....Who rescues us from the wrath to come
- “To wait for His Son from heaven”
 - These new believers lived expecting Christ
 - John 14: 1-3; Acts 1: 11
 - This belief affected them greatly in their daily living
 - Matt 24: 37-44; Matt 25: 13; I Thess 5: 5-9; Phil 3: 20

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- “From heaven”
 - II Cor 12: 1-4
 - Paul here talks about a man who went to third heaven and saw things too wonderful to explain
 - This revelation had a huge impact on Paul’s life
 - As it did on the Thessalonians as it should for us
 - The Bible intends that we should have an idea of what lays ahead for believers
- II Cor 12: 4.....caught up into Paradise
 - Gen 2: 15.....Greek Septuagint “paradise of joy”

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- Luke 23: 43; Rev 2: 7; Rev 22: 1-2
 - Why would the Lord God reveal these things to us?
- II Peter 1: 2-4
 - The great and precious promises of God are Yeah and Amen
 - There is no shadow of turning in Him
 - These are the events awaiting those who believe
- Isaiah 6: 1-7; Ezek 1: 4-28; Rev 4: 2-11

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- Rev 5: 11-13; Rev 7: 11-12; Rev 15: 2-4
 - Now can we understand why Paul says...
 - Things not “possible” for a man to speak?
- I Thess 1: 10
 - Whom He raised from the dead
 - Rom 1: 1-4; Dan 7: 13-14; Rev 1: 12-19
- “To rescue us from the wrath to come”
 - Matt 3: 7-8.....that wrath is surely coming
 - That wrath is real and that is why Jesus came and died in our place.....to appease the wrath of God.

The Lord is My Salvation

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- The grace of God had reached for me
- And pulled me from the raging sea
- And I am safe on solid ground
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- I will not fear when darkness falls
- His strength will help me scale these walls
- I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
- The Lord is my salvation

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- Who is like the Lord our God
- Strong to save, faithful in love
- My debt is paid and the victory won
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- My hope is hidden in the Lord
- Fulfills each promise of His Word
- When winter fades, I know spring will come
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- Glory be to God the Father
- Glory be to God the Son
- Glory be to God the Spirit
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