



LESSON ONE: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

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***What is one quality that makes you recognize that someone's faith is genuine?
Write your thoughts in the space below:***

INTRODUCTION

1. **1 Thessalonians is one of Paul's _____ letters (AD 50-51).**
 - This was roughly 20 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ

2. **It was written during Paul's _____ missionary journey.**
 - *First missionary journey* *Acts 13:1-14:28*
 - *Second missionary journey* *Acts 15:36-18:22*
 - *Third missionary journey* *Acts 18:23 – 21:14*

3. **Thessalonica was the _____ city in the Roman province of Macedonia.** It was the largest city in the region and the capital city of Macedonia.

4. **The city was located along the 696-mile-long Via Egnatia highway.**



5. Meaning? Thessalonica was a city of _____.

Read Acts 17:1-15 and make some observations about what you read. What stands out to you about the different ways people responded to Paul's message in Thessalonica and Berea?

Acts 16:6-10

⁶ Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. ⁷ Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. ⁸ So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

⁹ That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰ So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

THE LESSON: A closed door is not always a _____; sometimes it's a _____.

WHY WAS THE LETTER WRITTEN?

1. Paul wanted to express his _____ for the believers in Thessalonica.
2. He wrote to encourage them to stay faithful and to live _____ lives, despite opposition and _____.
3. He wanted to ground them in sound _____.
4. He wanted them to see how the _____ of Christ should affect their everyday lives.

Interesting point: Paul references the return of Christ at the end of every single chapter in 1 Thessalonians.

1. 1:10 – “looking forward to the coming of God’s Son from heaven”
2. 2:19-20 – “as we stand before our Lord Jesus when He returns”
3. 3:11-13 – “when our Lord Jesus comes again with all His holy people”
4. 4:13-18 – “we will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air”
5. 5:23-24 – “be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus comes again”

THE MESSAGE OF 1 THESSALONIANS: Live faithfully _____ because Jesus could be coming _____.

1 Thessalonians 1:1

¹ This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

² We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ³ As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

⁴ We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.

PREDESTINATION – knowing in advance

Romans 8:29

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...”

TRUTHS WE KNOW FROM SCRIPTURE

- 1. God has _____ and provided salvation in Jesus Christ.**

See Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 1:20

- 2. God calls people everywhere to _____ and believe.**

See Acts 17:30

- 3. God doesn’t want anyone to _____.**

See 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-6

- 4. Everyone who comes to Christ will be _____, not turned away.**

See Romans 10:9-13

1 Thessalonians 1: 3

As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel _____ us.

A.W. Tozer – “If we are not changed by grace, then we are not saved by grace.”

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6

⁵ For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. ⁶ So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-9

⁷ As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece -- throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

⁸ And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, ⁹ for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

Proverbs 22:1

Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

¹⁰ And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven - Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.

**The final description of the church: they were confidently _____
for Jesus.**

What does Paul tie the return of Christ to in verse 10? _____

Ephesians 2:12

¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

APPLICATION: What are some things we can learn from the Thessalonians' example? What's a practical step you can take in your relationship with Jesus based on what we studied today?
