



## 1 Thessalonians: *Living in Light of Christ's Return*

Part 1 - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### Introduction

### Paul greets the Thessalonians

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 1:1**

What does it mean to be “in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?”

1. To bear much good fruit

❖ John 15:5— *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit*

2. To be eternally secure in our salvation

❖ John 10:28-29— *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand*

### Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 1:2**

1. Paul is grateful for their Work of *faith*, Labor of *love*, and Steadfast *hope* in the Lord (v.3)

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 1:3**

❖ 1 Corinthians 13:13— *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love*

2. Paul is grateful for the certainty of their election (v.4)

#### ❖ **1 Thessalonians 1:4**

#### ❖ **Ephesians 1:3-8**

❖ Ephesians 1:4-5— *In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will*

❖ 1 Thessalonians 1:4— *For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,*

❖ John 10:3— *The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

❖ John 10:14-15— *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.*



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3. Paul is grateful for how powerfully the Lord worked in their lives (v.5-6)

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4. Paul is grateful that their lives have become a testimony throughout the region (v.7-9)

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5. Paul is grateful for their perseverance through persecution (v.6-10)

❖ **1 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

❖ 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10—*you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven,*