

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Thanksgiving for These Believers

1:1 ^aPAUL and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy to the ^dchurch of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ^eGrace to you and peace.

2 ^aWe give thanks to God always for all of you, ^bmaking mention *of you* in our prayers; 3 constantly bearing in mind your ^awork of faith and labor of ^blove and ¹ ^csteadfastness of hope ² in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of ^dour God and Father, 4 knowing, ^abrethren beloved by God, ^b*His* choice of you; 5 for our ^agospel did not come to you in word only, but also ^bin power and in the Holy Spirit and with ^cfull conviction; just as you know ^dwhat kind of men we ¹proved to be among you for your sake. 6 You also became ^aimitators of us and of the Lord, ^bhaving received ^cthe word in much tribulation with the ^djoy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in ^aMacedonia and in ^bAchaia. 8 For ^athe word of the Lord has ^bsounded forth from you, not only in ^cMacedonia and ^dAchaia, but also ^ein every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a ¹ ^areception we had ²with you, and how you ^bturned to God ^cfrom ³idols to serve ⁴ ^da living and true God, 10 and to ^await for His Son from ¹heaven, whom He ^braised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who ^cdelivers us from ^dthe wrath to come.

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^a 2 Thess. 1:1

^b 2 Cor. 1:19

^c Acts 16:1

^d Acts 17:1

^e Rom. 1:7

^a Rom. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:3

^b Rom. 1:9

^a John 6:29

^b 1 Cor. 13:13

¹ Or, *perseverance*

^c Rom. 8:25; 15:4

² Lit., *of*

^d Gal. 1:4

^a Rom. 1:7; 2 Thess. 2:13

^b 2 Pet. 1:10

^a 1 Cor. 9:14

^b Rom. 15:19

^c Luke 1:1; Col. 2:2

^d 1 Thess. 2:10

¹ Lit., *became*

^a 1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1f.

^b Acts 17:5-10

^c 2 Tim. 4:2

^d Acts 13:52; 2 Cor. 6:10; Gal. 5:22

^a Rom. 15:26

^b Acts 18:12

^a Col. 3:16; 2 Thess. 3:1

^b Rom. 10:18

^c Rom. 15:26

^d Acts 18:12

^e Rom. 1:8; 16:19; 2 Cor. 2:14

¹ Lit., *entrance*

^a 1 Thess. 2:1

² Lit., *to*

^b Acts 14:15

^c 1 Cor. 12:2

³ Or, *the idols*

⁴ Or, *the*

^d Matt. 16:16

^a Matt. 16:27f.; 1 Cor. 1:7

¹ Lit., *the heavens*

^b Acts 2:24

^c Rom. 5:9

^d Matt. 3:7; 1 Thess. 2:16; 5:9

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.