

1 THESSALONIANS

Lesson 1

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

This lesson will show us the role of the church in spreading the gospel, our role in spreading the gospel, and how we can know if we are bearing fruit.

It is amazing how easily that we, as a church or as an individual, can get so caught up in the day-to-day that we lose sight of the goal, and forget our primary mission. It is also amazing—and especially important—to consider the affect that our day-to-day behavior has on the acceptance of the gospel, as we will see in this lesson.

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and answer the following:

1. Compare 1 Thessalonians 1:3 with 1 Corinthians 13:13. What do you see as common between the two? Would they apply today as they did then?
2. How did the gospel message come to Thessalonica? (In 1 Thessalonians 1:5, we are told that it came in three forms. Can you name them?)
3. In spreading the gospel, what effect did Paul's, Silvanus', and Timothy's behavior have on the credibility of their message? What does this show us about our own behavior, and the success we will have spreading the gospel and witnessing to folks?
4. What are the signs described in 1 Thessalonians 1:6, 7, and 8, which of these indicate that true conversions occurred at Thessalonica?
5. Will the acceptance of Christ and the gospel message result in changed behavior today, as it did then—or are the times different now?
6. Did Paul have proof that his work in Thessalonica had been successful? (see 1 Thessalonians 1:9)
7. The church at Thessalonica had done two things as a result of their conversion. One of these things is listed in 1 Thessalonians 1:9; the other is listed in verse 10. What were they?

8. Should we, as the church and as individuals, be doing the same two things today? If so, then how?

Have a great week everyone!

In Christ,

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