

Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians

Salutation (1:1)

1:1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the Thessalonian church in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Model (1:2–10)

2 We always thank God for all of you, constantly making mention of you in our prayers. 3 We remember your faithful work, your labor of love, and your steadfast hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father. 4 We know, brothers and sisters who are loved by God, that you are chosen 5 because our gospel did not come to you only with words but also with power and with the Holy Spirit and with great conviction, just as you know what kind of people we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and the Lord, receiving the word in great tribulation with the joy inspired by the Holy Spirit 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has echoed forth not only in Macedonia and Achaia but everywhere your faith in God has gone forth so that we have no need to say anything. 9 For, concerning us, they themselves tell what kind of welcome we had from you and how you turned away from idols to God to serve the living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Concerning the Missionaries' Motives (2:1–6)

2:1 Now you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not in vain. 2 But even after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you are aware, we had the courage in our God to proclaim the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. 3 For the