

Sermon Scripture Passage: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols 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 wrath to come.

Reference Verses:

Acts 17:1-4

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

James 4:1-3

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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Ready for the Day #1 – I Thessalonians 1:1-10 – Turning from Idols to God

New Series: Ready for the Day

Ready to _____ up and serve the Lord in the new day He has given us.

Ready to follow Jesus in the particular day and _____ in which we live.

Ready and waiting for the day of Christ's _____ when he will set the world right.

1:1 Paul works with a team including, Timothy and Silvanus, also known as _____.

1:2-3 Paul had not been able to visit the city since forced to leave Thessalonica, but had sent Timothy to check on the church and he reported back that they were _____ in faith.

1:4-6 Faith that brings salvation comes not from the word, or _____ alone but by:

Power: People need to _____ it real

Conviction of the Holy Spirit: People need to _____ it in their heart.

1:7-9 Because of how they turned from idols to the _____ God, other churches in the area are talking about how remarkable it is that so many pagans had come to faith.

1:10 Rather than hoping that a statue in a _____ can somehow bring salvation, they are waiting for Jesus, who is now in _____ but will come again to earth to bring redemption.

Acts 17:1-2 Because Paul had been trained under the noted rabbi Gamaliel, he had an open door to teach in the _____ in Thessalonica.

Acts 17:3-4 There were _____ Jews who believed but the majority of the new believers were Greeks who had come to believe in one God, known as _____.

God's Sovereignty in Salvation: The Jewish _____ preceded the coming of the gospel as a witness in many cities to the one true and living God amidst a polytheistic culture.

Turning from idols to serve the True and Living God:

An idol is anything other than God we trust to make us _____ or _____

What do our modern day idols look like?