

PAUL TO A "T"
1 THESSALONIANS 1

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 1 • 1 Thessalonians 1 • September 21, 2011

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's Overview was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1 and various Scriptures in Acts

2. From last week's overview and Acts 15:1-16:5, what do we learn about:

a) Paul _____
Silas _____
Timothy _____

- b) How did they become a team, and what was the purpose of their trip?

3. According to Acts 16:6-10, how had the team come to visit the Macedonian region that included Thessalonica? (See map)

4. Summarize the details of the team's visit to Thessalonica in Acts 17:1-10, and who came to faith in Christ?

SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

5. a) In **V3**, what are the 3 things the writers are thankful for regarding the Thessalonians?

5. b) Which of these 3 descriptions inspires you the most in your own life and why?

6. What would family, friends or co-workers say is your motivation in your “work, labor, and endurance”?

7. Whose “work, labor, and endurance” has caught your attention, and how will you encourage them?

SECTION III: Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

8. How does **V4** describe the Thessalonians?

9. What is the evidence that God had “chosen” the Thessalonians in **V5-6**?

10. Describe the evidence that God has chosen you.

11. Who are the people in your life or in Scripture that you desire to “imitate” and why? (**V6**)

12. What ripple effect took place after the Thessalonians welcomed the Gospel message?
V7 _____
V8 _____
V9 _____
V10 _____

13. Who are the believers in your life for whom you are a model (whether you like it or not)? (See **V7-8**)

14. What does it mean to you to “turn to God from idols to serve the Living and True God?”

15. From **V10**, describe what it means to:

- “wait for His Son from heaven”

- “be rescued from the coming wrath”

16. Based on 1 Thessalonians 1, write a prayer regarding your own faith.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul described the great power of the Holy Spirit in revealing the Gospel to the Thessalonians in **V5-6**. Read the following passages and summarize in your own words the powerful work of the Holy Spirit:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 _____

John 16:7-8 _____

John 16:13-15 _____

John 14:16-17 _____

John 14:26 _____

Acts 16:6-7 _____

Galatians 5:16-26 _____

2. Write down key moments and/or ongoing evidence of the Holy Spirit's influence in your life.

