

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

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

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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GOSPEL-SHAPED LIVING

‘Gospel response’

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Introduction

- ‘mirror-signal-manoevre’, ABC

TURN: decisive break with idols

- the identification of idols

- the rejection of idols

SERVE: active service of God

- saved to serve

- service areas

- serve in the office

- serve in the church

- serve in the gospel

WAIT: patient waiting for Christ

- fishy identity

- Jesus Christ / Son of God / Saviour

- IC / THU / S

- future expectation

Bible references: Acts 19:27,35; 17:23; Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:5; Matthew 6:24; Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Romans 1:25; 1 Timothy 4:4; Ezekiel 28:2; Psalm 9:20; Romans 6:22; 1 Peter 2:16; Colossians 3:23; Galatians 5:13; Romans 1:9