

# 1 Thessalonians 1

King James Version (KJV)

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(These books speak of the return of Jesus Christ in the end days as King of kings, Lord of lords – the Second Advent. One of Paul's earliest writings)

**1** Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Paul was beaten and locked up by the Kenites in this city) see Acts-16,17

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; (But he found many true faithful people here and set up a church)

<sup>3</sup>Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; (Your labors in God's Word documents your faith and your patience)

<sup>4</sup>Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. (To the Elect, or the remnant, in this group; these people were chosen in the First Age because they sided with God against Satan's rebellion)

<sup>5</sup>For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. (assurance = complete confidence) (They accepted the Gospel and ran with it; doing God's work in teaching others)

<sup>6</sup>And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost. (The Kenites wanted Paul killed. There were many nay sayers working against the Christians)

<sup>7</sup>So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. (Achaia= trouble) (Their strong faith helped influence others)

towards Christianity. They served as a good example of how Christians live)

<sup>8</sup>For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. (They're doing a great job in blessing people in surrounding areas with the Word of God. They don't need any correcting from Paul)

<sup>9</sup>For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; (They had been heathen idol worshippers in the past. Now, they had converted and accepted Christianity completely)

<sup>10</sup>And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (The wrath of God will be brought to bear on the evil ones in the end days. This is the cup of God's wrath that Jesus asked if it might pass from Him)