

**"AN INTRODUCTION OF THE LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS"  
(1 Thessalonians 1:1)**

**I. THE PRESCRIPT OF "1 THESSALONIANS" (1:1)**

**A. The INTRODUCTION. (1:1a)**

1. The **writer** of this book is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. His *name* means \_\_\_\_\_.

\*What do we know about him?

b. His *companions* were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\*What do we know about them?

2. The **recipient** of this epistle was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The word "*church*" (ekklesia) means \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What do we know about the founding of this local church in Thessalonica?

Acts 16- Philippi

Acts 17:1-10- Thessalonica

Acts 18- Corinth

b. While their *physical location* was Thessalonica, their *spiritual position* was "in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

\* What does this indicate about the Lord Jesus Christ?

**B. The GREETING. (1:1b)**

1. The **Gentile greeting** emphasizes... “ \_\_\_\_\_ *to you.*”
2. The **Jewish greeting** emphasizes... “*and* \_\_\_\_\_.”

\* Is there significance to this order?

**C. The PURPOSES of this Letter.**

The Holy Spirit directed Paul to write this epistle in order to...

1. express \_\_\_\_\_ for the spiritual condition of the church. (1:2-10)
2. answer \_\_\_\_\_ against Paul and his associates. (2:1-3:13)
3. instruct them about the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (4:1-12)
4. address misunderstandings about \_\_\_\_\_. (4:13-5:11)
5. defuse potential \_\_\_\_\_ within the flock. (5:12-15)
6. exhort them about \_\_\_\_\_ Christian living. (5:16-22)

\* What are some of the features of this book?

\* How does all this apply to you?