

"THE SOUNDING FORTH OF THE WORD OF GOD"

(1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

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

II. THEIR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS. (1:2-10)

A. The MANNER of Giving Thanks – PRAYING TO GOD REPEATEDLY FOR OTHER BELIEVERS. (1:2)

B. The STIMULUS for Giving Thanks – REMEMBERING GOD'S WORKING IN OTHERS LIVES. (1:3)

C. The CAUSES for Giving Thanks – KNOWING... (1:5-10)

1. *of other believers' ELECTION BY GOD.* (1:4-7)

2. *of others believers' WITNESS FOR GOD.* (1:8-10)

a. Their witness involved having _____ the _____ to others. (1:8)

* What is "the Word of the Lord?"

* What is the imagery in "sounded forth?"

* What was the extent of this witness?

* What is the only right response to the Gospel?

* How effective was their witness?

b. Their witness caused others to declare... (1:9-10)

b.1) how the missionary team had _____ Thessalonica.

b.2) how these believers....

b.2.a) had "turned to _____ from _____."

* What does this teach and indicate?

b.2.b) had turned to God from idols in order to _____ the _____ and _____ God.

b.2.c) had turned to God from idols in order to _____ for His _____ from heaven.

* What does it mean “to wait?”

* Where will God’s Son return from?

* What guarantee do we have that He is returning?

* Why is Christ’s return important?

* What is “the wrath to come?”

* What is being guaranteed by God here?

* How does all of this apply to you?