

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Topics: Fruit, Gratitude, Salvation
Series: 1 Thessalonians: Exemplary?

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Reason for Thankfulness

I. Conversion (1-5)

Authentic conversion is reason for thankfulness.

II. Conduct (6-7)

Christlike conduct is reason for thankfulness.

III. Course (8-10)

Change of course in life is reason for thankfulness.

Have I expressed thankfulness to another for their Christian life?

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3. Paul wrote that they (including Silvanus & Timothy) were thankful when they prayed for the Thessalonian believers. What 3 characteristics in them is he thankful for?

Can you see these characteristics yourself? What do, or would, they look like?

2. What does, "God's choice of you," in 1 Thessalonians 1:4 mean? Why might Paul write this?

What affect does knowing God's choice of you have on you?

3. In 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 Paul takes the Thessalonians back to their first encounter with the gospel. (See also Acts 17:1-14). What parts of that encounter does he remind them about? What purpose would it serve to remind them?

Remember when you first heard the gospel message and it made sense? Were any of these same things present? Describe your experience.

4. How does Paul describe their lives in 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7?

What are some examples of your conduct that you would want others to imitate?

5. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10. Paul lets the Thessalonians know that churches in the whole region talk about them. What were they saying?

What might people say about you in regard to your faith? Would you like something more or different to be said?

6. Who is someone you can encourage in the manner Paul did for the Thessalonians?