

**PAUL'S GRATITUDE FOR THE THESSALONIANS  
(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)**

**I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUATION (1:1)**

**II. PAUL'S COMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)**

**A. They GAVE THANKS for them. (1:2-4)**

1. Paul's thankfulness \_\_\_\_\_ himself as Paul and his team \_\_\_\_\_ for these new believers.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is an expression of faith in what God has done \_\_\_\_\_:  
He \_\_\_\_\_ them, He \_\_\_\_\_ them, then He brings them to \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. The **direction** of their thanksgiving was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The **frequency** of their thanksgiving was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. **Those** who gave thanks were " \_\_\_\_\_," (in reference to Paul's team).
  - d. The **objects** of their prayers were "for \_\_\_\_\_."
  - e. The way they **expressed** their thanksgiving involved " \_\_\_\_\_ of you in our \_\_\_\_\_."

\* What does all this teach you?

3. The **reason** they gave thanks had to do with the word " \_\_\_\_\_." (1:3)

\*Paul was mindful or remembering...

- a. "your \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "Turning to God" (vs 9) was their work of faith! It placed them into the \_\_\_\_\_ (cf John 6:27-29)
  - The only \_\_\_\_\_ that God accepts for salvation is to \_\_\_\_\_ in His Son who He has sent (John 6:28-29)

\* How does this apply to you in your Christian life?

b. “your \_\_\_\_\_ motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.”

1) This labor speaks that which is expended for the advancement of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian life. (1 Thess. 2:9, 3:7-9, & Col 1:29-2:2)

2) When weary some “*labor*” and the “*love of God*” come together this spells - \_\_\_\_\_.

\*What is it that causes one to sacrifice for another?

\*How was this love demonstrated to the world?

\*What can you learn from this?

c. Your \_\_\_\_\_ inspired by \_\_\_\_\_.

\*What does the word “patience” mean here?

- A **present endurance** inspired by a certain **future hope** is called ...

“living \_\_\_\_\_ in light of \_\_\_\_\_.” (2 Corinthians 4:14-18)

“\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

\*Where is this parallel teaching in 1 Thessalonians?

\*What does this mean to you?