



TO THE CHURCH OF THE **THESSALONIANS**

CHAPTER I *Their Faith*



The Church of the Thessalonians

The Macedonian Call

- The vision – *Acts 16:9-10*
- Events in Thessalonica – *Acts 17:1-10* (cf. *1 Thessalonians 2:17*)
- Paul sent Timothy to see how they were doing – *1 Thessalonians 3:1-3*

Paul's Response to Timothy's Good News – *1 Thessalonians 1:1; 3:6*



Their Activity of Faith (1:2-3)

Paul's Concern and Gratitude (*vv. 2-3a*)

Work of Faith – *James 2:14-17, 21-25;*
John 6:27-29

Labor of Love – *Acts 17:5-9; John 14:15;*
15:12-14

Patience of Hope – *Romans 8:18, 24-*
25; Hebrews 6:19



Their Conversion in Faith (1:4-6)

Elected by God (vv. 4-5)

- **Significance** – *Romans 16:13; 1 Peter 2:9-10*
- **Not word only** – *1 Cor. 1:22-23*
- **Power** – *1 Cor. 1:18, 24, 30-31*
- **Holy Spirit and Assurance** – *John 16:8; Romans 8:16; Philippians 2:1; Romans 5:5*

Joyful Imitation of the Lord (v. 6) (1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Peter 2:21-23; 4:12-14)



Their Example in Faith (1:7-10)

Resounding Faith (vv. 7-8) (cf. *1 Peter* 2:11-12; *Titus* 2:5, 10)

Transformative Faith (vv. 9-10)

- Dramatic change – *Acts* 17:6; 14:15
- Dramatic hope – *Acts* 17:30-21; *Hebrews* 9:27-28



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