

I THESSALONIANS 1; November 5;

ANALYSIS:

1. How does Paul and his companions describe their praying for the Thessalonians? _____

2. What concerning the Thessalonian Church does Paul remember without ceasing? _____

3. What did Paul say he knew about the Thessalonian saints?

4. What sounded out from the Thessalonian Church?

5. What turnaround happened in the lives of the Thessalonians, and what was the continuing result?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

“Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God” (v 4). Can you imagine any words more comforting and assuring, especially coming from the inspired pen of an apostle? If their election is certain, then their eternal salvation and heaven is certain! Paul states the basis for his declaration. [1] The preaching of the gospel among them was accompanied by power, the Holy Ghost and assurance (v 5). [2] They became followers of Paul and the Lord in spite of much affliction with joy of the Holy Ghost (v 6). [3] They became ensamples for other believers in Macedonia and Achaia (v 7). Such evidence confirms God's work of eternal salvation in the souls of these Thessalonians.

Do you believe in Jesus the Son of God, who, as the Lamb of God, bore away your sins? And yet do you question your salvation? Your assurance rests in no small part on corresponding fruit in your life. If you lack fruit, you will lack assurance. How serious are you in obeying and honoring the Lord Jesus Christ? Your works will not bring you salvation, but they do confirm you assurance of salvation to yourself and others.

HELP:

1. Making mention of you in our prayers (v 2).
2. Their work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope (v 3).
3. Their election of God (v 4).
4. The word of the Lord, and the news of their faith (v 8).
5. They turned to God from idols, to wait for Jesus from heaven (vs 9-10).