

# 1 Thessalonians

## Chapter 1

### Verse 8-9

1. The scope and impact of these verses are absolutely enormous. Paul makes a huge statement that is one of the greatest compliments that he could ever give to a church.
2. In his travels, Paul had no need to tell others of what God had done in Thessalonica. Why is this?
  - Because they had personally been \_\_\_\_\_ out the Word of the Lord.
  - Because their \_\_\_\_\_ to God had been spread abroad.
3. Paul says that they had *“turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.”*
  - This is a great verse that demonstrates what Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ is in this dispensation of grace today.
  - Their faith laid in idols previously, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (to think differently) and believed Paul's gospel. We see this same thing over and over again. Acts 11:21, 14:15, 15:19, 20:21, 26:18
4. Paul's gospel was that:
  - Christ dealt fully with the \_\_\_\_\_ issue on the cross. He made a full and complete payment for the sins of all of mankind on the cross.  
→ *“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:19*
  - He then called upon people to \_\_\_\_\_ from any preconceived ideas, religious rituals, or idolatrous practices that they were trusting in, and turn to the living God and trust His Son alone for salvation and forgiveness.
5. Faith in Christ not only brings salvation, it also brings new direction and \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives. The Thessalonians no longer served the idols that they used to trust in. They now served the living and true God. vs. 9

- *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:  
Not of works, lest any man should boast.  
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10*

## **Verse 10**

1. As they were serving, they were waiting. What were they waiting on?
2. They were waiting on Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven in the clouds and to catch away all those who are in Christ. 4:16-17
3. There are three facts contained in this little verse:
  - Christ is raised from the dead and has ascended to heaven.
  - Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.
  - His return means a deliverance from the \_\_\_\_\_ to come.
4. As we serve the Lord, we serve Him in anticipation that this time of grace that we are living in could come to an \_\_\_\_\_ at any moment.
5. We must fervently serve the Lord (Romans 12:11) and redeem the time (Ephesians 5:16), all the while *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13*