



## THE CHARACTER OF A MODEL CHURCH

### 1ST. THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1

#### I. *They were saved*

They were in Christ – Verse 1

“Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

#### *They were delivered from the wrath to come – verse 10*

“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

#### *They turned from sin – verse 9*

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;”

#### II. *They were receivers of the Word*

#### *They received the Word with much affliction and joy – Verse 6*

“And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:”

#### III. *They were devoted to service*

They turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God – Verse 9

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;”

#### IV. *They were examples to the other churches*

They didn't just fall in line with the others – Verses 7, 8

“7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.”

#### V. *It was a joyful church*

They had the joy of the Holy Ghost – Verse 6

“And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:”