

**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?