

LET'S REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS (1 Thessalonians 1)

I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUATION (1:1)

II. PAUL'S COMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)

A. Their THANKSGIVING of them. (1:2-4)

1. Paul's apostolic team was _____ for the believers at Thessalonica. - "We give thanks always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

"we give thanks" (*eucharisteo*) –

2. Paul's thankfulness expressed itself through their _____ for them. (vs 2)

- a. The direction of their thanksgiving was to _____.
- b. The frequency of their thanksgiving was _____. - (*pantote*) an adverb describing how often they prayed.
- c. Those who gave thanks were " _____", in reference to the apostolic team. (Paul, Silas & Timothy)
- d. The objects of their thanksgiving was "for _____." (others)
- e. The way they expressed their thanksgiving involved "making mention of you in our _____." (*proseuche*)

* What does this "attitude of gratitude" teach us?

Luke 17:11-19

3. The reason the Apostles gave thanks had to do with the word " _____".

* Three things are mentioned that Paul was thankful for in (1:3) - Paul was mindful of and remembered:

- 1) their work of _____
- 2) their labor of _____
- 3) their patience of _____

* How can we best understand these terms?

a. your _____ produced by _____.

- It is God's _____ in our lives that faith _____ to accomplish by means of the _____. (Ephesians 2:10)
- **Its usage:** Our life is to be characterized by _____ produced by _____ through the power of the _____.

b. your _____ motivated by _____.

- This labor speaks of that which is expended _____ you for the advancement of your _____ and the gospel working _____.
- When weary some "labor" and the "love of God" come together this spells – " _____ " .

c. Your _____ prompted by _____ .

- It's a present _____ prompted by a future _____.
- It's often referred to as... living _____, in light of _____.

2 Corinthians 4

• Where is the parallel of this in 1 Thessalonians 1?

In verse 3, we can see the 3 tenses of salvation:

- 1) Faith rests in Christ's work accomplished for us in the _____.
- 2) Love works in the _____ by the power of the H.S. and is the dynamic that enables good works in our Christian lives
- 2) Hope looks to the _____—it is like a beacon or a light house light amidst the difficulties of life. It guides us to our goal – our heavenly haven!