

HOW TO THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING IN OTHERS' LIVES – Pt 2
ESPECIALLY IN THE LIVES OF THOSE YOU HAVE MINISTERED TO
(1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)

I. Paul's INTRODUCTION and PERSONAL GREETING (1:1)

II. GIVING THANKS for What God is Doing in the Lives of Those You Have Ministered To. (1:2-10)

A. The ELEMENTS of GIVING THANKS for What God is Doing in Others. "We give thanks..." (1:2)

B. The STIMULUS for GIVING THANKS. "remembering without ceasing..." (1:3)

C. The CAUSES for GIVING THANKS for What God is Doing in Others. (1:4-10)

1. _____ the Thessalonians were elected by God. "*knowing... your election by God...*" (1:4)

* *What are some things to note about divine election? (2 Th 2:13-14)*

2. The _____ of the GOSPEL to the Thessalonians... "*For our gospel did not come to you...*" (1:5)

a. was not _____ only. "*...in word only,*" (1:5a)

* *What does this underscore for you? (Romans 10:17)*

b. was in _____. "*...but also in power, and*" (1:5a; Romans 1:16)

* *What does this indicate?*

c. was in the _____. "*...in the Holy Spirit and*" (1:5b, John 16:8)

* *What does this remind you of?*

d. was in much _____. "*...in much assurance*" (1:5c, Hebrews 4:12)

* *What was this assurance based on?*

e. was by men with _____ lives. "*...as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.*" (1:5d)

* *What does this emphasize for us?*

3. The _____ of the GOSPEL by the Thessalonians resulted in them becoming _____ of these _____ and the _____ having _____ the Word. *“And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word, in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,”* (1:6)

* *What does this involve?*

4. Because of the _____ & _____ ... (1:7-10)

- a. for THEM among _____. *“so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.”* (1:7)
- b. for GOD among all including _____. *“For from you the word of the Lord sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we don’t need to say anything.”* (1:8)

* *What are some things worth noting?*

c. for/about THEM and the MISSIONARY TEAM which was _____ .
“For they themselves declare concerning us... and how you” (1:9-10)

1) Reporting how the missionary team had _____ Thessalonica believers. *“...us what manner of entry we had to you,”* (1:9b)

* *What does this highlight?*

2) Noting how the believers had turned to _____ from idols to _____ the living and true God and to _____ for His Son from heaven. *“and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”* (1:9c-10)

* *What is significant in this statement?*

* *How does this apply to you?*