

The Book of 1 Thessalonians

“Life in Christ
until HE Returns”

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10

**“The Heritage of
Biblical Discipleship”**



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Outline:

- 1. An Example of a Bible Teacher**
- 2. An Example of a Christ Follower**



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1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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- Paul
- Silvanus
- Timothy



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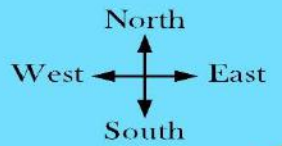
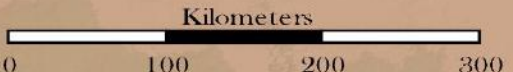
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6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Places Paul Visited



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- **How they started vv. 6-7**
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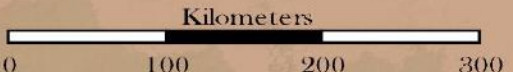
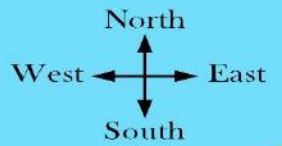
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 - They received the word despite affliction
 - They received the word with Joy
 - They became examples



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- How they started vv. 6-7
- How they developed vv. 8-10



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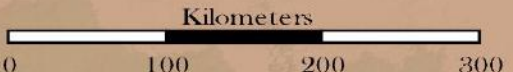
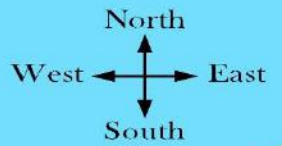


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Acts 20:29–30 (NKJV)

29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

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 - The Word “Sounded forth”
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 - They turned from Idols to Serve God
 - They look forward to Christ’s return





Application:

- Is our heritage one of Biblical Discipleship?
- Does our church prioritize Bible teaching?
- Do we individually study the Word?
- Are we teaching someone else?

“Sounding forth”

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