

After listening to the posted recording of class #2 concerning our study of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

First Thessalonians Class #2

#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1

- A. What are the similarities and differences of Paul, Silvanus (Silas), & Timothy?
- B. The term "church" means to be "called out of".
What were these souls in Thessalonica called out of? What are we called out of?
- C. Where do grace and peace originate? Why?

#2. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

- A. Think of a few saints that you have encountered in your life that you have thanked God for in prayer.
- B. Do we ever thank God for those that encourage our faith in the Lord?
- C. Is there anyone you mention every time you pray?
- D. Have you witnessed other saints'... [Paul/Silas/Timothy saw them all at Thessalonica]
 - 1. Work of Faith? ...why did it encourage you?
 - 2. Labor of Love? ...what effect did it have on you?
 - 3. Steadfastness of hope? ...did it make you want to keep going?
- E. Did you ever thank God for refining them & growing them to imitate Christ?
- F. What does it say within your soul, to hear that God loves you like His Beloved Son?

#3. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:5

- A. What statements have you heard in your life that were just mere words?
- B. When did you first realize that the gospel of Jesus is pure power within our own lives?
- C. There was a time when Paul, Silas, & Timothy were all newly converted.
How did God grow them to be powerful? Will the Lord do the same for us?
- D. What happens when we humble ourselves beneath the gospel in our lives?
- E. Did the gospel continually mold them to be more Christ-like? How about us?

#4. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- A. Do we ever imitate other saints as they imitate the Lord? Why?
- B. Do you have an effect on other saints you encounter? Why is this vital to know?
- C. When God's Spirit leads us into holiness, will we find joy even in difficulties?
Do we need to grow in that avenue of life? Why do some find it so easy to do?
- D. The faithful saints of Thessalonica effected all the believers in Macedonia & Achaia.
They made an "impression" (example) on other saints.
Which saints have made an impression on your life toward Christ? Why?
Have others surprised you by saying you have made an impression on them?
Do we ever thank God for our encouraging brothers & sisters in Christ?