

“A Letter of Encouragement”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

I. Introduction

II. Background – Acts 17:1-10; 16:9, 1 Thess 2:17-18; 3:1-2, 5

- A. Thessalonica is the _____ largest city in _____
- B. Its location on the Egnatian Way allowed Christianity to spread from _____ to _____
- C. Paul was forced to leave because of _____

III. The Occasion of 1 Thessalonians – 1 Thess 3:6-9

- A. To assure them of his _____ and _____
- B. To _____ Paul’s, Silas’, & Timothy’s integrity.
- C. To reinforce their understanding of Christian _____
- D. To instruct them about the basics of Christian _____
- E. To clear up misunderstandings about the _____

IV. Paul’s Salutation

Acts 15:40; 1 Pet 5:12; Acts 16:1-3; 1 Cor 4:17; 1 Tim 1:3;
Heb 13:23; John 6:37; 1 Cor 12:13

- A. The Senders: _____
- B. The Recipients: the _____ of the Thessalonians
 - 1. The church is a gathering of _____ who have been _____ together to meet with _____
 - 2. Grace is God’s _____ favor to sinners
 - 3. Peace is the result of God’s gift of _____

V. Conclusion – 2 Tim 3:12; Acts 1:11

- A. The church exists for the _____ of God
- B. The prime directive of the church is to _____ and make _____ of all nations.