

1 Thessalonians 02 - (1:4-10)

The Thessalonian Ensample

1. 1:3-4 – Election of God

- a. Election *def.* ~ to choose, a choice → Eph 1:4, 2 Thess 2:13-14
- b. God's elect = Israel Isa 45:4, or Jesus Isa 42:1 (Mat 12:18)
- c. You are not Israel, you are in Christ! - Col 3:11-12, ultimately Eph 1:10

2. 1:5-9 – Not in word only...

- a. Power, Holy Ghost, and assurance → This is how Paul taught 1 Cor 2:4
 - i. Power → like 2 Tim 1:7-8, 3:5, 2 Thess 1:11
 - ii. Holy Ghost → Rom 5:5, 8:1, Gal 5:25
 - iii. Assurance → Conviction; Rom 14:5
- b. Our gospel – “my gospel” Rom 16:25; Rom 2:8; 2 Tim 2:8
 - i. “given to me” – Eph 3:1, Titus 1:3; 2 Tim 1:1, 1 Cor 9:17
 - ii. Paul and the Lord - 1 Cor 4:16, 11:1, Phil 3:17
- c. Received the word in much affliction – Rom 5:3-4 in action
 - i. Followers of Judean churches – 1 Thess 2:14
- d. Ensamples to all them
 - i. All that believe → Phillipi, Corinth, Berea, Athens – 1 Cor 3:2-3
 - ii. ‘En’ sample - from within vs ‘Ex’ - out of; KJV uses both.
 - iii. For from you sounded out...
 - 1. The word of the Lord produces faith – Rom 10:17
 - 2. Faith produces change! – 2 Cor 5:14-15; Gal 4:18

3. 1:10 – Delivered us from the wrath to come

- a. Common understanding → Wrath, then the kingdom
- b. Wrath = The Tribulation, Jer 10:10; 30:7-9; Psa 2:5; Mat 24:21; Rev 6:17
- c. Theories about Jesus' return:
 - i. Millennialism – Rev 20:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
 - 1. Pre (dispensational) – based on Revelation Rev 19:11-16
 - 2. Post - (covenant view) – a mixture of church and kingdom
 - 3. A - (no) - Luke 17:21; a very liberal view
 - ii. Tribulation timeline:
 - 1. Pretrib – based on a distinction between church and Israel
 - 2. Posttrib – based on Matthew 24:13, 29-31
- d. A Pauline division – 1 Cor 15:51-52 – “I show you a mystery”
 - i. 1:10 - Delivered from the wrath; instead caught up – 4:16-18
 - ii. This is not the ‘rapture’ but the kingdom come - Mat 24:36-42
 - iii. God is not returning in judgment and wrath but grace and peace
 - 1. Comfort not dreadful preparation - 1 Thess 4:18