



SERMON NOTES

August 25, 2019

Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-3 (NAS)
"A Healthy Church"

- 1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
- 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;
- 3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

I. PURPOSE OF THE LETTER

- A. Not To Admonish
- B. To Commend The Church

II. BACKGROUND

- A. On The City
 1. Size
 2. When Established
 3. Population
- B. When Paul Visited The City
 1. Second missionary journey
 2. After leaving Philippi before going to Berea *Acts 17:2-4*

III. CHURCH DEFINED

- A. Ek-klay-see-ah
- B. A People In God *John 14:6; Acts 4:10-12*

IV. THOUGHTFUL PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD

A. For Their Work Of Faith

1. God Provided the faith *Ephesians 2:8,9*
2. This the product of that faith worked out in their lives
 - a. empowered by grace
 - b. dependent upon God
 - c. searching for His design
 - d. willing to operate within His plan

B. For Their Labor Of Love

1. In patience
2. In kindness
3. In humility
4. In forgiving

C. For Their Steadfast Hope

1. Hope in the person and work of Christ
2. Hope of heaven which He has purchased for us