



SERMON NOTES

September 1, 2019

Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-6 (NAS)

“Building God’s Church God’s Way”

- 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,
- 4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;
- 5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.
- 6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

I. THE CHURCH

- A. The Called Out Ones
- B. We Are Not Independently Connected To Christ
- C. We Are Part Of A Body Each Having Different Gifts *I Corinthians 12:12-14, 20-21*
- D. Chosen By God *Ephesians 1:4-6*
- E. Conviction By The Holy Spirit

II. CALLED TO BE FOLLOWERS, IMITATORS

- A. Paul Said, “Follow Me” *I Corinthians 4:16-17*
- B. He Also Said, “Don’t Follow Me, If I Am Not Following The Lord”
- C. We Must Be Careful As We Choose Church Leaders *Galatians 5:22-23*
- D. Examples We Follow Are The Kind Of People We Become *I Cor. 11:1; Philippians 3:17; I Timothy 4:12; Hebrews 13:7*