

## ***To the Church of the Thessalonians***

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1**

#### Main point:

1 Thessalonians is a letter for you. Study it to be better equipped as a Christian and to love the Savior more.

1. 1 Thessalonians is a letter for you.
2. 1 Thessalonians will give you a portrait of a healthy church.
3. 1 Thessalonians will show you how to minister to others.
4. 1 Thessalonians will grow you in godly living.
5. 1 Thessalonians will prepare you for the future.
6. 1 Thessalonians will increase your love for the Savior.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**Acts 17:1-3** <sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” (NKJV)

**Richard Philipps** “The letters express the apostle’s joy that these believers excel in the most important of graces: faith and love. From this perspective, 1 and 2 Thessalonians set forth vital teaching on what makes for a good church.”

**Andrew Young** “A tender pastoral note is perhaps the most distinctive feature of these two letters.

**Richard Philipps** “Grace is God’s favor to us when we have merited his condemnation.”

