

A MINISTER'S GOALS. 1 THESS 1:1-3

Review: Remember Paul's experience in Thessalonica. Acts 17. Now, Paul is now writing... why? **3:4-8**

- What breaks a minister's heart? **1 John 2:19**
- What rejoices a minister's heart? **3 John 1:3-4**

1. Who are the _____? Vs 1a

- Paul led a cross-cultural ministry team.
- _____ authors! Note the _____ pronouns that are used. Paul. Paul is actually the main author. (Example: 4:9-13) But he's writing with his team.

2. What was Paul's mission _____?

- How does the work get done? How do we get the workers for the field? **Luke 10:2**
But then move forward in faith and take those that God gives you.

That is the biblical pattern for missions SENDING is _____.

They are following the _____ set by the Lord Jesus. **Mark 6:7**

KEY: MBT is committed to sending teams.

Because EVERYONE needs support and accountability.

- From Paul's example: The biblical pattern is also to build the team _____ the _____.

Leaders: You _____ your team as you follow in the _____. Acts 20:4

We need to send PROVEN ministers. Those that can train their own teams as they go.

Warning: A change in your _____ never makes for a change in your _____.

3. To whom is this written? Vs 1b

Church: the "called out assembly" in Thessalonica. Biblically, the church is not the building.

4. Where was their church spiritually? Vs 1c

- In God "the" Father.
- In "the" Lord Jesus Christ. **Philippians 2:9-11**
-His name is **Jesus** = **Christ** =
You get to God as "our" Father thru submission to Christ.

- "Grace be unto you, and peace" **Picture: God's grace comes _____.**

Once you find the grace of God, you are _____ to Him. **Romans 5:1-2; 10:17**

God's peace only comes through being _____ with God.

Man is always working to find peace – he instead makes a mess.

5. Why Pray? Vs 2

- Paul was THANKFUL!

KEY: Fruit out of great trial is _____.

KEY: You care little for what costs you _____.

- Paul prayed for those He was training up .

KEY: We need to pray for our disciples. 1 Samuel 12:23

6. Why remember? Vs 3

- When you see how God has worked in the life of those you've invested in, it's so encouraging.

-Work of faith. Note: this is not salvation by _____.

Faith in Christ produces fruit bearing that testifies to the faith. **James 2:18**

KEY: Here the Christian conversion experience is completely described.

1. the **work of faith**

FIRST: Faith works as you believe on the Gospel.

SECOND: Your faith works out of your life. **Philippians 2:12**

Vs 9 = their faith changed them! "ye turned to God from idols"

2. The **labour of love**

The reality of Christ is manifest in our lives! The command?

Vs 9 – the love of God changed them! "to serve the living and true God"

3. the **patience of hope.**

Believers count on the reality of Christ's return.

Vs 10 – their hope focus them! "and to wait for His Son from heaven"

OUTLINE OF 1 THESSALONIANS 1

Chapter 1 – A changed people

- Vs 1 Greeting
- Vs 2 Prayer
- Vs 3 OUTLINES chapter 1:
 - Faith – Vs 4-5 Work of Faith (Salvation)
Vs 9 "ye turned to God from Idols"
 - Love – Vs 5b-9 Labor of Love (Sanctification)
Vs 9 "to serve the living and true God"
 - Hope – Vs 10 Patience of hope (Glorification)
Vs 10 "and to wait for his Son from heaven"

Chapter 2 – A loved people

Chapter 3 – A tested people

Chapter 4 – A sanctified people

Chapter 5 – A sober people