

A Great Church

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Main Idea: If we follow the example of the Church in Thessalonica, Ebenezer will be a great Church!

1. **A Church with people, who have works of _____, labors of _____, & a steadfast _____.** (3a)

2. **A Church that has Spirit empowered _____: With Power, in the Holy Spirit, & with full conviction!** (5)

3. **A Church with people who have _____ lives.** (6-7)
 - They became _____ of their leaders & the Lord. (v. 6a)

 - They had _____ in the midst of _____. (v. 6b)

 - They were _____ to everyone. (v. 7)

4. **A Church with people who have a strong _____.** (8-9)
 - They evidenced true _____ to God. (v. 9)

 - They eagerly _____ for Christ's return. (v. 10)

1 Thessalonians 1 (ESV)

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.