

>>>>>>**Chapter 1**

(1) Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy,^a to the church of the Thessalonians^b *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace,^c from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

(3) Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

(4) Knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God.

(5) Because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as you know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

(6) And you became our followers, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit:

(7) So that you were examples to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

(8) Because from you the word of the Lord was proclaimed not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith towards God is spread abroad; so that we do not need to say anything.

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1:1a – Timothy – Acts 16:1

1:1b – church of Thessalonians – Acts 17:1f

1:1c – Grace and Peace – grace always precedes peace – Rom. 1:7;

I Cor. 1:3; II Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Philip. 1:2;

Col. 1:2; II Thes. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Tit. 1:4;

Philemon 1:3; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II Jn. 1:3 – grace means

receiving something as a free gift that is totally undeserved

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(9) Because they themselves show how we came to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

(10) And to wait for His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, Who delivered us from the wrath {anger; judgment} to come.<<<<<<<<<