

The Missional Family



**If you had to choose one word
to describe our church,
what would that word be?**

**“So being affectionately desirous of you,
we were ready to share with you
not only the gospel of God
but also our own selves,
because you had become very dear to us.”**

1 THESS 2:8

What does the gospel do?

1. It saves us as individuals

1 Thessalonians 1

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

2 We always thank God for all of you and
continually mention you in our prayers.

3 We remember before our God and Father your
work produced by faith, your labor prompted by
love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Who were the Thessalonians?

Thessalonica was a bustling seaport city. It was an important communication and trade center, and the largest city and the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia.

Paul, Silas and Timothy established the church in Thessalonica on Paul's second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-9)



“As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.”

ACTS 17:2-4



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1 Thess 1:3

We continually remember before our God and Father
your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This was not a shallow conversion, but lives that show
works with Faith, Love with labour and Hope in Jesus

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4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

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Nursing Mothers

1 Thessalonians 2:6-8, 11-12

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.

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For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

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Imitate each other

1 Thessalonians 1:6, 2:14

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus...

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Grieve together and Hope together

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

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Encourage one another

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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God as our Father (1:1,3)

We are Siblings (1:4)

Nursing Mothers (2:6-8)

Caring Fathers (2:11-12)

Imitate each other (1:6, 2:14)

Grieve together and Hope together (4:13-18)

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The Gospel doesn't simply save isolated individuals—it creates a new family that learns, suffers, hopes, and witnesses together in such a compelling way that the world cannot ignore it.



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3. It sends us out to show this Family life to the world

1 Thessalonians 1:8

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia (Northern Greece) and Achaia (Southern Greece)—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

In Thessalonica, the message grew so strong in the house (like an echo) that it rang out across the whole of Greece—from Macedonia to Achaia—because people encountered a community so beautiful, so surprising, so countercultural, that they had to talk about it.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on **faith** and love as a breastplate, and the **hope** of salvation as a helmet.

The background image shows a tropical landscape. In the foreground, there is a lush green field with rows of young plants, possibly a rice paddy. In the middle ground, a group of about six people, including adults and children, are standing and looking towards the right. The background features several tall palm trees and distant hills under a bright, slightly hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a dark green, bold, sans-serif font.

**Came for the Food,
Stayed for the Friends,
Encountered the Father
Welcomed into Family
Living by Faith
Serving in Love
Sharing the Hope**

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RESPONSE

1. Receive new life in Jesus Christ! (Salvation)
2. Open your life to other brothers and sisters (Cell)
3. Become spiritual fathers and mothers (Discipleship)
4. Practical care for one another (Cell/Member care)
5. Extend the care to everyone around us (Outreach)
6. Invite them to join this Family of God (Evangelism)
7. Share this invitation to the world (Missions)

Has the gospel changed our lives?

1. Has it saved us as individuals?

Do our lives have “work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”? (1 Thess 1:3)

2. Has it made us into a new Family?

Do we know God as our Father? (1:1,3)

Do we love one another as Siblings? (1:4)

Are we like nurturing/nursing Mothers? (2:6-8)

Are we like caring and championing Fathers? (2:11-12)

Do we imitate/disciple one another? (1:6, 2:14)

Do we Grieve together and Hope together? (4:13-18)

Do we Encourage one another? (5:11)

3. Does it send us out so that God is known everywhere?

Is this true for us?

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