



# Study Guide

## Lesson 2

### “What Every Church Should Be”

No doubt you have heard some preacher say, “If you ever find the perfect church, *please don’t join it*. If you do, it won’t be perfect anymore!”

Since local churches are made up of human beings, saved by God’s grace, no church is perfect. But some churches are closer to the New Testament ideal than others. The church at Thessalonica was in that category. At least three times in this letter, Paul gave thanks for the church and the way it responded to his ministry (1 Thes. 1:2; 2:13; 3:9). Not every missionary can be that thankful.

What characteristics of this church made it so ideal and such a joy to Paul’s heart?

#### **A Chosen People      1:1-5a**

1. Salvation begins with \_\_\_\_\_. 1:4
2. Salvation involves God’s \_\_\_\_\_. 1:4
3. Salvation involves \_\_\_\_\_ 1:3
4. Salvation involves the \_\_\_\_\_. 1:1,3,5

#### **An Exemplary People      1:5b-7**

1. They received the \_\_\_\_\_ 1:5b
2. They followed their \_\_\_\_\_ 1:6a
3. They suffered for \_\_\_\_\_ 1:6b
4. They encouraged other \_\_\_\_\_ 1:7

#### **An Enthusiastic People      1:8**

1. Their work of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3) and labor of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3) expressed itself in their sharing of the gospel with others. They were both \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5) and \_\_\_\_\_ 1:8)
2. The word “sounded out” actually means “\_\_\_\_\_” (1:8).
3. They didn’t hire a staff to do their soul winning, they \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel (1:8)

#### **An Expectant People      1:9-10**

1. They turned from idols, served God and \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord 1:10
2. The word “wait” means “\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. They were waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ of their body (Romans 8:23-25) and the hope of \_\_\_\_\_ Gal5:5).