



1 Thessalonians

Background

- Paul, Silas, and Timothy founded the church at Thessalonica on Paul's second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-9).
- From Athens, Paul sent Timothy to check on the progress of the new church (3:1-2,5). While in Corinth, Timothy returned with a good report of their faith in Christ and love for Paul (3:6-9).
- Paul writes this tender letter in response to Timothy's report. It has three purposes: to _____ their growth (1:2-3), to cast a vision for future growth (4:1, 9), and to _____ them how to get there (4:3, 13) (5:11, 27).

Roadmap

1. Looking _____: A Model Ministry (1-3)
 - a. Commendation (1)
 - b. Commemoration (2:1-13)
 - c. Consideration (2:14-3:13)
2. Looking Forward: An _____ Ministry (4-5)
 - a. God pleasing sexuality (4:1-8)
 - b. God-pleasing brotherly love (4:9-12)
 - c. God-pleasing grief (4:13-18)
 - d. God-pleasing alertness (5:1-11)
 - e. God-pleasing worship (5:12-22)
 - f. God-pleasing grace (5:23-28)

Landmark

1 Thessalonians reveals the marks of a _____ church. Paul's ministry there was a model of evangelism and disciple-making. Their response was a model of discipleship and spiritual growth.

Must See

Jesus Christ is the resurrected and returning Savior (1:10). His imminent return purifies (3:13), comforts (4:13-18), and motivates (5:4-6) His people.

Takeaway

1. The gospel is a powerful message - _____ it!
2. _____ is a precious gift - give it!
3. Example is a needed catalyst - be one!
4. Truth is a sanctifying influence - _____ it!