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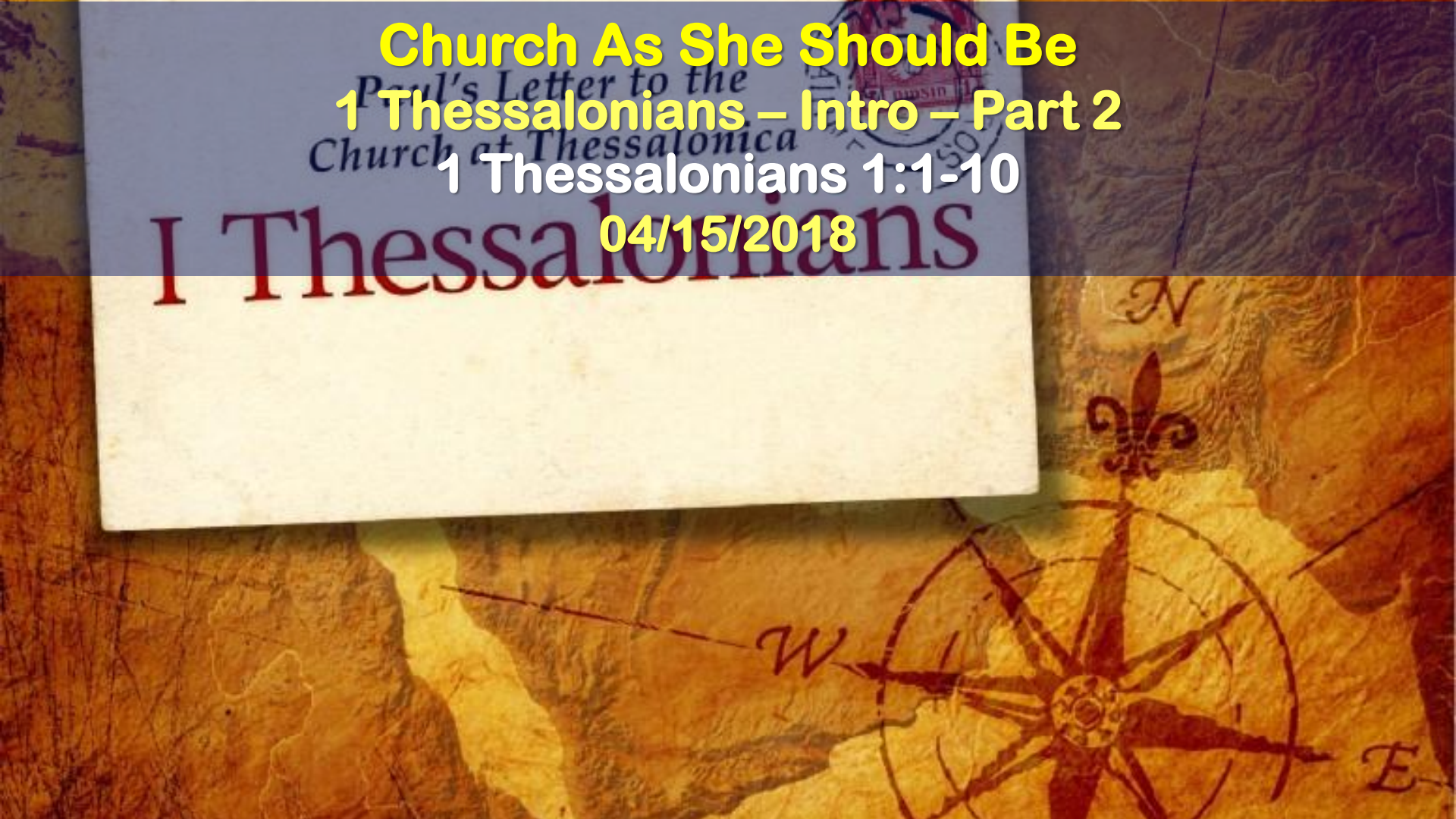
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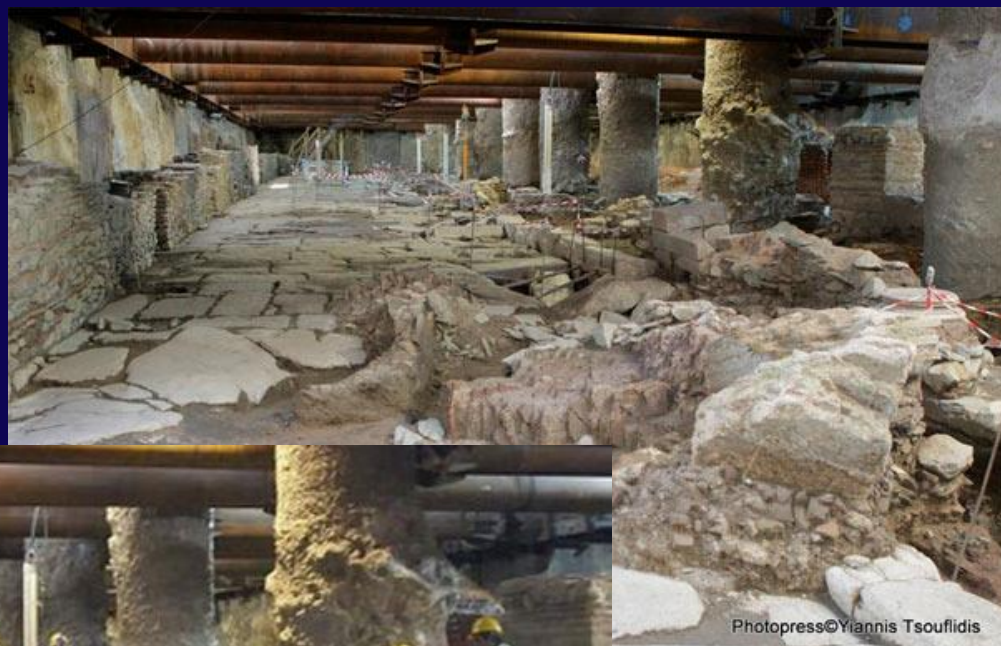








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Last week we looked at Paul's "Praise" of the Thessalonian Church regarding their Work of Faith

Labor of Love

Patience in Hope

→ In Jesus Christ → OUR SANCTIFICATION in Christ

As we go over this Study – please, you can refer to our Acts Study → Acts 17:1-10 → <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/315>

1 Thess. 1:1-10 (CSB)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

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

²We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you constantly in our prayers. ³We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work produced by faith, your labor motivated by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance. You know how we lived among you for your benefit, ⁶and you yourselves became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with JOY from the Holy Spirit.

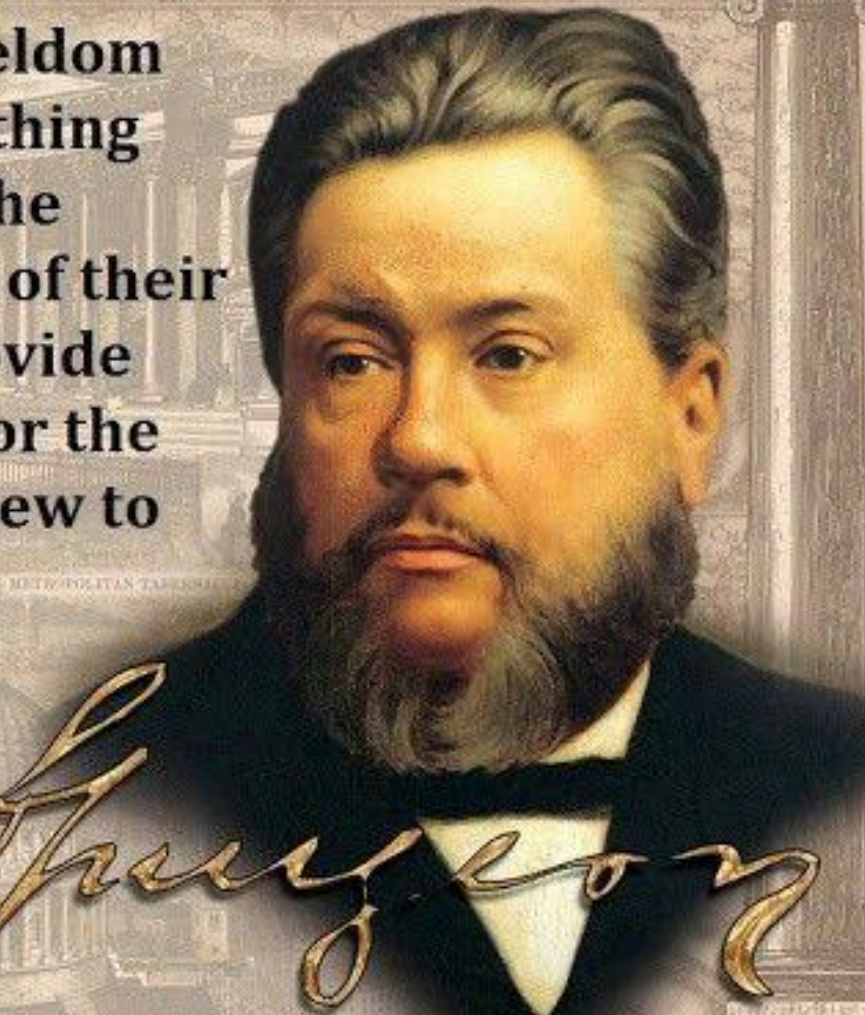
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"The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them."

C. H. Spurgeon



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Church As She Should Be – Part 2

1 Thess. 1:1-10

1. They did NOT seek to establish:

a. A Brand New Religious Organization or Movement

b. A Brand New Social Services Organization or Movement

These are the “things” folks sometimes mistake as the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. We see it even today.

I've received emails like this → “can I drop off some old clothing to your church or should I drop them off at the Good Will?”

Reducing the church to this is very sad, indeed. But the church, over the centuries has no one to blame, but themselves, really.

Thus the World doesn't have a clue **who we are, what we are**, and what our **goals / Mission** in life relates to, but **this church** did.

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Paul's message they he proclaimed to them was Received as if it was directly from God's Mouth and Heart – the Word of God. The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit → Conviction → Truth, and Conviction of Sin → Conviction of Rescue via Jesus Christ. JOY of Salvation. Rescue and Deliverance – Joy from the Holy Spirit. This was their FUEL for their Mission-Engine



Luke 7:36-48

Then one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ And a woman in the town who was a sinner found out that Jesus was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume ³⁸ and stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to wash his feet with her tears. She wiped his feet with her hair, kissing them and anointing them with the perfume.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—she's a sinner!"

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⁴¹ “A creditor had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Since they could not pay it back, he graciously forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon answered, “I suppose the one he forgave more.”

“You have judged correctly,” he told him. ⁴⁴ Turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she, with her tears, has washed my feet and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but she hasn’t stopped kissing my feet since I came in. ⁴⁶ You didn’t anoint my head with olive oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that’s why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

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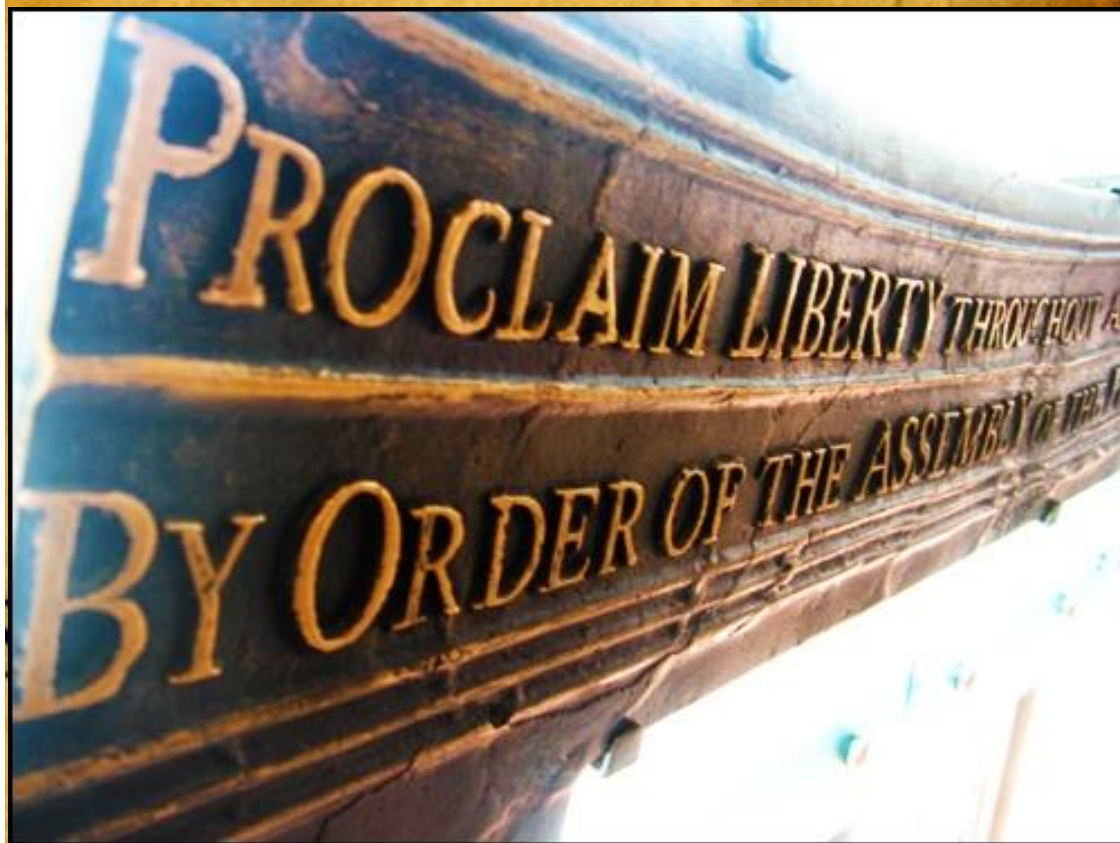
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They Spread “The **WORD** of the **LORD**”

“Their **FAITH** in God” → The Body of Beliefs in God (Jude 1:3)

The Word of God – **the** New Covenant **FAITH** in Jesus Christ

They were spreading the Gospel, the Word of God, the New Covenant → **NOT** Judaism, not Hebrew Roots Movement
Not Roman Catholicism - **NOT** Gnosticism ... nothing but the Word of God → **SIMPLY BIBLICAL**

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They Gave their Testimony – of how they came to Christ – through Paul's Preaching, etc. As an example – that is why they are proclaiming ...

They Explained that **SIN** is the reason Christ died on the Cross (i.e. the Gospel Message) and rose to life, etc.

They Explained how they **REPENTED** of their life of sin (i.e. Idolatry) and turned from their **IDOLS** (Idolatry) and turned to God, the only Living and True God. Jesus is who they Turned to – the Living God in the Flesh.

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They DID NOT HOLD BACK – Regarding REPENTANCE from sin
They Called to Sinners to Repent – echoes back to Jesus' first proclamation recorded in the Gospel of Mark –

**“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.
REPENT and BELIEVE the good news!” (Mark 1:15)**

We must do as Jesus, Paul and the Thessalonian Church did –
Proclaim the Gospel of Christ – God exists and is our Creator, the whole Human race fell into Sin, God's Judgment is Coming because of our sin, The ONLY RESCUE for God's Wrath is Jesus Christ (His Redemption) –
Then we must call them to REPENT & BELIEVE

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If this is left out – we are truly **NOT** sharing the real, Biblical, Gospel of Jesus Christ. It precisely that Jesus Christ is the one who is rescuing us from the Wrath of God – that Paul and the Thessalonians are highlighting.

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Because Sinners must be Warned of God's Judgment against Sin – or else they will face the Great White Throne Judgment and be thrown into the Lake of Fire which burns with God's Wrath, Forever. (Rev. 20:11-15)
That is the **LOVE** we are showing them (not just saying "God Loves You")
Romans 5:8 – God Demonstrates His own love ... Christ died for ...

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about God's Just and Holy Judgment and Wrath that is coming

We are usually familiar with Romans 3:23 & 6:23 – but just saying that sinners are “sinners” does not usually help a sinner. But exposing them to the **LAW** does help them realize that they are, indeed sinners

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Galatians 3:23-25 (NLV – New Life Version)

Before it was possible to be saved from the punishment of sin **by putting our trust in Christ, we were** held under the Law. **It was as if we were** being kept in prison. **We were kept this way until Christ came.** ²⁴ **The Law** was used to **LEAD** us to Christ. **It was our TEACHER, and so we were made right with God by putting our trust in Christ.** ²⁵ **Now that our faith is in Christ, we do not need the Law to lead us.**

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Romans 3:19-20

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the **LAW** says, it speaks to those who are subject to the law, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become subject to God's **JUDGMENT**. ²⁰ For no one will be justified in God's sight by the works of the law, because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.

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Romans 7:7

What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, Do not covet.

Thus, in the same way that the Thessalonians Spread the Gospel, so do we, in our day and age. Sinners are still sinners in need of a Savior