**Sunday School 1 Thessalonians 1, Introduction July 11, 2021**

*Introduction (1-2) The Gospel and Our Past, Present, and Future Salvation (3-10)*

(1) 1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians [which is] in God the Father and [in] the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace [be] to you, and peace, 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

 Deliverance and Restoration from Sin’s:

(1) work of faith, and /past – work is ergo/ Penalty – breaking the 10 Commandments

(2) labor of love, and /present sanctification – labor is trouble and toil/ Power – for victory over sin (Romans 6-8)

**(3) patience of hope /future – when Christ returns/** Presence – no sin in 1000 or heaven

in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 **Knowing**, brethren beloved, your **election** of God.

5 For our gospel came not to you in **word only**,

(1) but also in power, /past – dynamis or dynamite, 2 Cor 5:17//

(2) and in the Holy Spirit, /present – sanctification, John 15:5 /

(3) and in **much assurance**; /future – most certain confidence, Hebrews 6:11 to the end/

as ye **know** what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

(2) 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord,

having received the word in **much affliction**, with joy of the Holy Spirit**:**

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your **faith to God-ward** is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything.

9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had to you, and

(1) how ye turned to God from idols /past – each individual believer/

(2) to serve the living and true God; /present – serve God first, then others/

**(3) 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, /future**- more details on this event later in 1 & 2 Thessalonians/

whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which **delivered us from** the **wrath to come**. /tribulation as prophesied in Daniel 9:20-27 and Revelation 6-19, and eternal separation from God/

Questions to

1. Did the Paul, Silvanus, and Timotheus begin the church at Thessalonia (acts 17:1-9)? \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. How long were they in Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-9)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. How are the three phases of the Gospel (1:3, 5, 10)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is our election (1:4)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. How much persecution did the Thessalonians have (1:6)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. When and where is the “wrath to come (1:10)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. What are the 3 phases of our Salvation (1:3, 5, 10)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. What phase of salvation are you in today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_