
SERMON OUTLINE

The healthy church – Serving Christ confidently

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

Introduction: Greetings from Paul, Silas and Timothy to the Thessalonian church (1:1; Acts 17:1-15; 18:5).

- I. Healthy Christians serve God diligently (1:2-3).
 - A. Thankful for other Christians as we pray (1:2)
 - *For whom do I thank God? Do they know it?*
 - B. Affirming others as they serve God (1:3)
 1. Working because of their faith in God
 2. Laboring because of their love for God
 3. Enduring because of their hope in God
- II. Healthy Christians rest confidently in their salvation (1:4-5a).
 - A. Confidence of our salvation rests in knowing God chose us (1:4).
 - He loved us before saving us (Ephesians 1:5; 2:4-5).
 - He chose us before we were born (Ephesians 1:4-5; John 6:37).
 - *Does my life thank God for choosing me?*
 - B. Confidence of our salvation rests in the power of the gospel (1:5a).
 - The gospel is words – the message of salvation by Christ alone (1 Cor. 15:1-5).
 - The gospel is power – through the convicting work of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-11)
 - *Does my confidence of salvation rest in what I'm doing, or in what God has done for me?*