

## Grace Group Questions

### 03-17-2019 – Selected Scriptures – Evidences of a Justified Life

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

#### 1. Sermon Passage:

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
  
- Can you outline the sermon?

#### 2. Observation – What did you hear?

- What gave Paul confidence that the Thessalonians believers were '*chosen by God*'?
  
- According to **Acts 17:1–2** Paul reasoned with the Jews in Thessalonica for three Sabbath days. Some commentators argue that he was there for longer (but not much). Why is this significant?
  
- How far reaching was the impact of the Thessalonian church? Why do you think this young church had such a great impact on others?

#### 3. Interpretation – What does it mean?

- The word "*example*" is the Greek word *τύπος* (*tupos*) from which we get our word "*type*." How are Christians supposed to 'type' themselves onto others? What kind of 'mark' should a Christian leave on believers? Non-believers?
  
- Try to draw out the significance of what Paul is communicating in the second half of v. 9, "*you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.*"
  
- What did Paul mean when He said Jesus *delivers us from the wrath to come?* (1:10). What kind of wrath did he have in mind?

#### 4. Application – How does this apply?

- Which one of the five evidences of justification do you think you need to improvement/consistency?
  
- The Thessalonians "*sounded*" the Word of God like a trumpet. Give yourself an honest evaluation. Is the gospel sounding forth from your mouth? Describe how you are succeeding at this and how you can improve.
  
- Identify the person(s) who have been most influential in modeling Christ-like character to you. What have you found most helpful/attractive about your relationship with this person?

#### 5. Prayer ...