

“A Model Church”

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1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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Introduction:

- A. If you ever find the _____ church, please don't join it. If you do, it won't be _____ anymore.
- B. The church at Thessalonica was not a perfect church, but they were closer to the _____ than many.
- C. Paul's salutation followed the typical form of first century letters.
 - 1. The proper form identified the _____, the _____, and ended with a _____.
- D. The next thing that was characteristic of Paul's letters was his opening _____.

**I. They were a Model Church because of their _____
_____. This was demonstrated in...**

- A. Their _____ produced by _____.
- B. Their _____ prompted by _____.
- C. Their _____ inspired by _____.

**II. They were a Model Church because of their _____
_____.**

- A. They received the _____.
- B. They became _____ of Paul and the Lord.
- C. They did this in spite of _____.

**III. They were a Model Church because of their _____
_____. It had a number of components...**

- A. The first component was their _____.
- B. The second component was their _____ of the _____.
- C. The third component was their _____.
 - 1. Three elements: what we _____, what we _____, and what we will _____.
- D. The Lord's _____ is _____ (James 5:8)

Answer Key: Intro. A. perfect, perfect. B. ideal. C.1. author, recipients, greeting. D. prayer. I. Faithful, Service. I.A. work, faith. I.B. labor, love. I.C. endurance, hope. II. Open, Receptivity. II.A. Word. II.B. imitators. II.C. severe, suffering. III. Evangelistic, Influence. III.A. example. III.B. proclamation, gospel. III.C. testimony. III.C.1. were, are, be. III.D. coming, near.