

“Marks of The Lord’s Church”
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Part 1

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Background: Acts 17:1-15

1 Thess. 1:9; 2:8-12; 3:6-10; Phil. 4:16

Timeline of letters

49 AD—Galatians—To the churches in the region of Galatia (Implications of justification by faith)

50-51 AD—1st & 2nd Thessalonians (2nd coming of Christ)

54-55 AD—1st & 2nd Corinthians and Romans

(Doctrine of salvation and Christian living)

60-61 AD—Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

(Church as the body of Christ and salvation truth)

61 AD—Acts—Birth and building of the church

60’s AD—Matthew Mark Luke

62-63 AD—1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus (Church organization)

63-64 AD—1st & 2nd Peter (Exhortation in suffering)

Late 80’s AD—John, 1, 2, 3rd John and early 90’s Revelation (The way of fellowship and genuine faith)

Theme of the letter: They love Christ and long for and anticipate His return.

1 Thess. 1:9-10; 2:17-19; 3:11-13; 4:13-18

1 Thess. 5:8-11; 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 1:9-10; 2:1-2

They are living in anticipation of the imminent return of Christ.

Job 19:25-27; Isaiah 25:8-9; Romans 2:4-6; Hebrews 9:28

Acts 1:11; Romans 8:18-25; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 John 2:28-3:3

- Answer the question

1 Cor. 1:4-8—I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil. 3:20-21—For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1 Tim. 6:12-15— Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the proper time He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Titus 2:11-15—For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

1 Peter 1:6-7, 13