

## **Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 1**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### **Perfect Church**

How do we know someone is elect?

### **Gracious beginnings (1)**

*Paul*

*Silvanus (Silas)*

*Timothy*

*Thessalonica*

*The church*

### **Credibility: The proof is in the life (5b-10)**

Integrity matters

Imitators and examples

*Imitators of us and the Lord*

*Received the word with joy amid much affliction*

New influence: faith has gone forth everywhere

### **Grateful prayer (2-3)**

Scope = *for all of you*

Frequency = *constantly*

Apostolic prayer list

*Work of faith*

*Labor of love*

*Steadfastness of hope*

Transformed lives

New worship

New anticipation

New freedom

### **It helps to get a good start: God's Saving Work (4-5a)**

Confidence: God's work; He chose (elect)

### **Take it home**