



## **“When Grace Breaks In”**

August 23, 2020

**1 Thessalonians 1:1 &  
Acts 17:1-9**

**“Build to Last”  
Sermon Series**

Primary Themes of 1 & 2 Thessalonians:

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church (Build)

The \_\_\_\_\_ Coming of Jesus (to Last)

When grace breaks into our lives, several changes take place:

**1. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to His \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**a. We desire \_\_\_\_\_ to know God  
through Jesus.**

**b. We desire Jesus to be known as-**

**i. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ii. \_\_\_\_\_ .**

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ .

a. \_\_\_\_\_ false worship.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ the faithful.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ the true church.

3. God \_\_\_\_\_ our source of \_\_\_\_\_ .

a. Through Transforming \_\_\_\_\_ .

b. Through Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_

### **For Family Discussion**

Paul, Silvanus (Silas), and Timothy were a ministry team together! What is one of your favorite teams? What do you like about them? What are the benefits of being on a team? What can our family do to be a Team in serving Jesus this week?

## Discussion Questions

Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians in one sitting. Share your observations with your group.

1 & 2 Thessalonians are the earliest of the New Testament letters and in them we see real people facing real life concerns. What does it look like to be "real" with one another in our church?

Why do you think so many people try to hide their problems or concerns rather than share them with others?

God is present and at work! In what ways have you seen God at work in your life recently? This question can be difficult; it is easy to get spiritually sleepy or distracted. What might you do to become more aware of God's presence and work in your life?

Worshipping God is important for keeping God at the center of our lives? Identify some of the ways believers worship God on Sundays and throughout the week. What are keys to worship?

## **Read Acts 17:1-9**

The city of Thessalonica was an important place to see a church planted in the region for the future spread of the gospel, in that it served as a major metropolitan area and a crossroads of so many cultures. What are the significant cultural places in your life that need Christ? (consider work, home, school, online, family, friends, neighborhoods, social groups, organizations, etc)

Rather than just talk vaguely about God or the Bible in conversations, how can we do a better job getting into the Word, studying the Bible, and discussing the Bible with others? See if you can come up with a handful of ideas.

How does adversity reveal the genuineness of one's salvation? How does it affect the genuineness of a church?

## **Pray Together**

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your saving work in my life. Apart from it, I would be lost and without hope. Jesus, show me how to trust in your saving work in all things. I surrender my life to your Lordship this day. Holy Spirit, guide me and strengthen me, that my life may be holy and pleasing to you, Amen.*