



“Making a Good Church Better (1/6)”

What Makes a Good Church?

I Thessalonians

A Salvation Story that is :

I. Initiated by God (1:1)

Salvation that is given by:

A. God the Father – “not Pagan”

B. The Lord Jesus Christ – “not Jewish”

II. A Display of God’s Love (2:8, 17)

They were loved:

A. By Paul –

B. By God – “beloved brethren”

III. By Faith in God’s Son - (1:5, 9)

Salvation as a result of :

A. Gospel Preached –

B. Some Believed – “turned to God”

IV. Effected by the Godhead - (1:2-3, 5)

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; ³Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; ⁵For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost...”

V. Life Changing – (1:3, 9-10)

Salvation that is evidenced by :

A. Faith – Works – (James 2:26)

B. Love – (Romans 5:5)

C. Hope – “wait for Him” (1:10)