



This letter is all about a church being effective (2:1 & 3:5). That caused their pastor to thank God (1:2). How do we know if a church is effective today? When your pastor thinks about YOU, why does he thank God for you?

Pastor's two reasons to thank God when he thinks about you:

1. He Remembers What H _____ in **Your Life v. 3, 9-10**

Why would your pastor thank God for you?

- 1) Your Faith Produced C _____ v. 3, 9
 - 2) Your Love Produced A _____ v. 3, 9
 - 3) Your Assurance Produced C _____ v. 3, 9
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2. He Knows That You R _____ Got **Saved v. 4-8**

Did you get a **good dose** of salvation? 2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2.

How does your pastor really know that you are saved?

- 1) You Were H _____ by the Word v. 5
- 2) You P _____ the Word v. 6-7
"followers" = imitators
- 3) You T _____ the Word v. 8
"sounded out" = to echo



It was an effective church because lives were transformed!

STUDYING 1 THESSALONIANS

The gospel has reached the European continent – perhaps viewed at the time as “the uttermost part of the earth” – through the missionary endeavor of those early Christians. That was a glorious chapter in the history of world evangelization.

The record of a church being established in the pagan city of Thessalonica, and then nurtured to maturity, reflects effective ministry. Led by the Apostle Paul, this missionary team has left us a blueprint...a map showing the road to effective ministry.

Subject Analysis

1. Reflection (remembering our time together) chapters 1-2
2. Explanation (why I wrote you this letter) chapter 3
3. Correction (fixing what’s wrong) chapters 4-5

Book Analysis

Chapter One — How do we know the ministry was effective? Paul **knew** and **remembered** (v. 4 & 3).

Chapter Two — Why was the ministry effective? & the joy that flowed from effective ministry.

Chapter Three — What threatened the ministry?

Chapters Four-Five — Perpetuating an effective ministry

Book Outline

Salutation 1:1

- I. **REFLECTION** – Remembering Our Time Together 1-2
 - A. Paul’s Gratitude 1
 - B. Paul’s Ministry 2
- II. **EXPLANATION** – Why I Am Writing You 3
 - A. Timothy’s Mission v. 1-5
 - B. Timothy’s Report v. 6-10
 - C. Paul’s Prayer v. 11-13
- III. **CORRECTION** – Fixing What’s Wrong 4-5
 - A. One Goal – to Please God 4:1-2
 - B. Ten Problems v. 4:3-5:22