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Message Topic: **1 Thessalonians Chapter 1**
Scripture Text: 1 Thess. 1:1-10

1. Paul called the Thessalonians believers his crown of rejoicing. He thanked God for these believers who set good examples for us to emulate. God established the Thessalonians Church through the 2nd missionary journey of Paul.
2. There are 3 areas that we can learn from the Thessalonians Christians. First, it is their Christian behaviour (v.2-4). They demonstrate work of faith, labour of love and patience of hope. All these was done for the Lord and not to show off.
3. The 2nd area we can learn from is the believers' Gospel reception (v.5-6). They heard the Word of God and their conversion was genuine through the power of the Holy Spirit. They have full assurance of their salvation. They became disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ to follow Him
4. The 3rd area is the Thessalonians believers' witness to the world (v.7-10). They were good examples to the believers in Macadonia and Achaia. They were evangelistic to the unbelievers in the regions around them. People can see their life of faith and repentance turning from idols to serve the true and living God.
5. The Thessalonians believers also have a clear focus in their lives - they were waiting for the 2nd coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were watchful and prayerful in their waiting and live purposefully for the Lord.