

“ALWAYS THANKING GOD”

“Standing Firm: A Study of 1 Thessalonians,” part 1

A sermon outline based on 1 Thessalonians 1

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1. What was **Thessalonica** like?

2. This letter begins with **thanksgiving**. (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

3. They were thankful for:
 - Their work of **faith**. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)
 - Their labor of **love**. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)
 - Their steadfast **hope**. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)
 - Their **joy** in spite of suffering. (1 Thessalonians 1:6)
 - Their **inspiring** witness. (1 Thessalonians 1:7)

4. They gave all **glory** to God. (1 Thessalonians 1:4)

Next steps...

- Tell someone you know and love that you appreciate them and share at least one reason why you thank God for them.
- Because of God’s great love for you, think of a loving gesture that you could do for someone else in order to be an inspiring witness of Jesus Christ.
- Thank the LORD that He loves you and has chosen you to belong to His eternal family and consider who God might want to invite into his family through you.