

Church

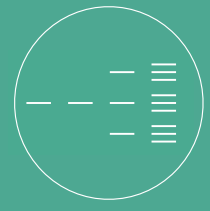
Brethren

Beloved

By God

1 Thes. 1:1-5



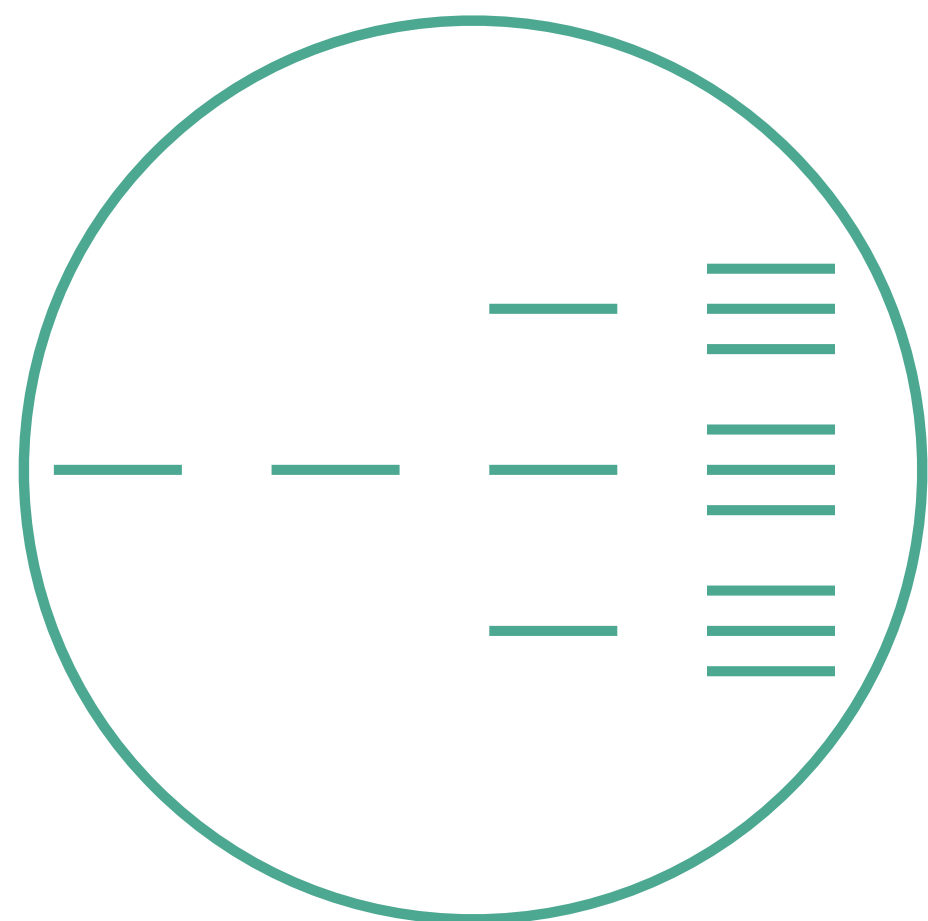


1 Thessalonians is loaded with disciplinemaking terminology.

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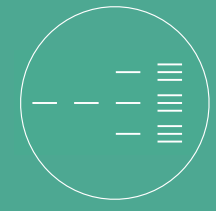
Paul uses “**church**” as a synonym of the word “disciples.”

“Church” is a collection of “disciples” who group together.



The words Jesus gave the apostles have been handed down from one generation of disciple to another.

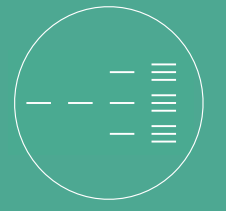
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Acts 16:6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that **God had called us to preach the gospel to them.**

The Gospel (The King's Story)

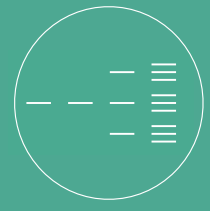
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Acts 17:1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to **Thessalonica**, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and giving evidence that the **Christ** had to **suffer** and **rise again** from the dead, and saying, "This **Jesus** whom I am *proclaiming* to you is the *Christ*." **4** And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

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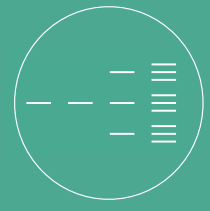
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Acts 17:5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. 6 When they did not find them, they began dragging **Jason and some brethren** before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have upset the world have come here also; 7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that **there is another king, Jesus.**” 8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

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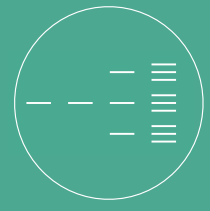
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To the **church** of the Thessalonians in God the **Father** and the
Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and **peace**.

2 We give thanks to God always for **all of you**, making mention of
you in our **prayers**; 3 **constantly bearing in mind** your work
of **faith** and labor of **love** and steadfastness of **hope** in our **Lord**
Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and **Father**, 4 knowing,
brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; 5 for our **gospel**
did not come to you in word only, but also in **power** and in **the**
Holy Spirit and with **full conviction**; just as you know what kind
of men we **proved to be** among you **for your sake**.

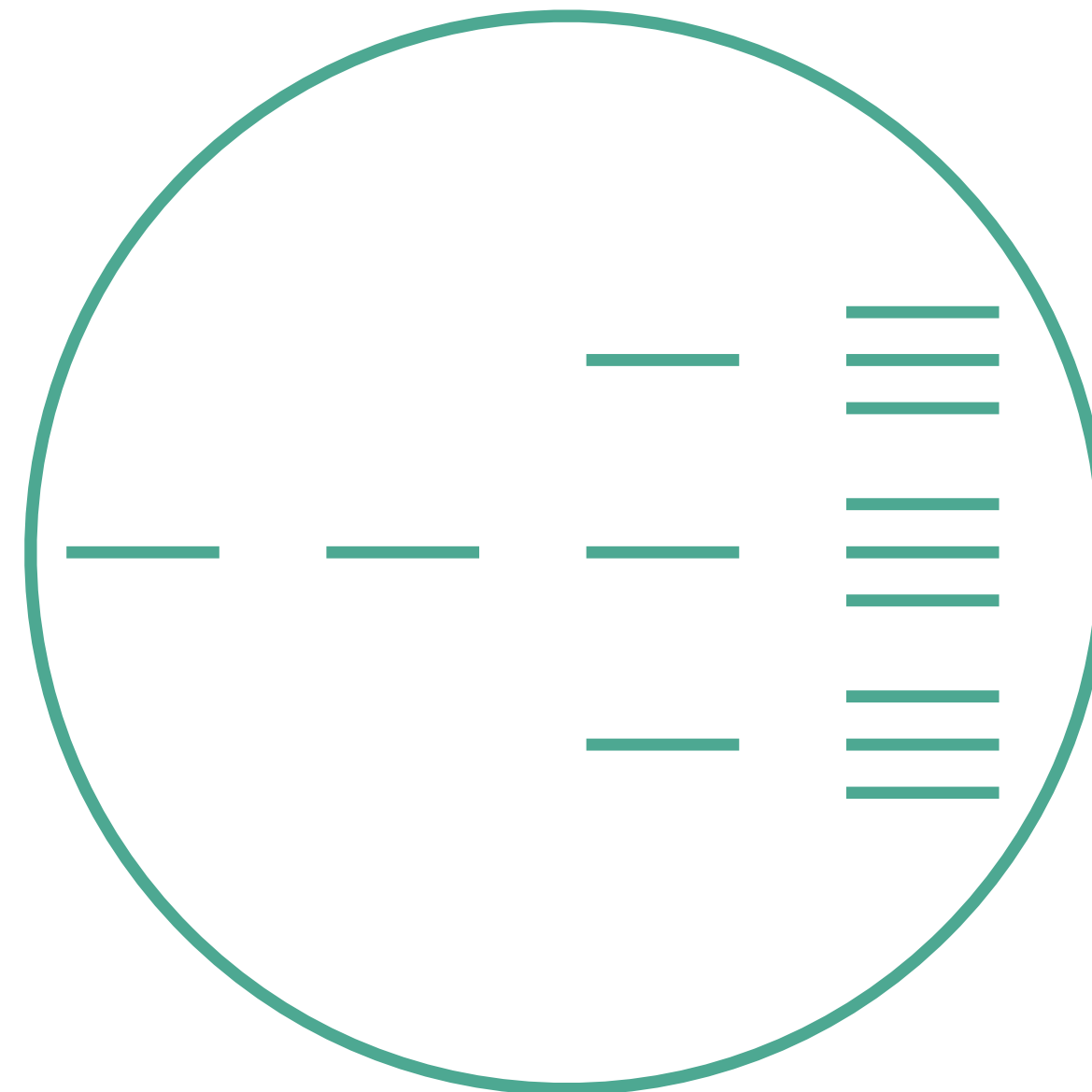
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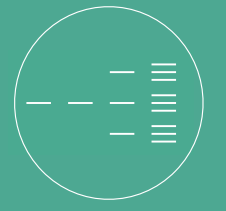
Paul, Silas and Timothy
were a Traveling Team
who wrote this letter



To Proclaim Christ
To Make Disciples
To Speak into These
Brethren Beloved by God

Who they were becoming...is who they were becoming (progress).

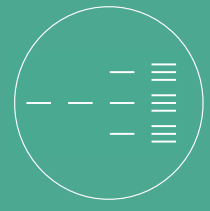
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Notice the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ as the life of the body. Notice the focus of faith, love and hope along with grace and peace. Notice the work, labor and steadfastness of the Beloved Brethren.

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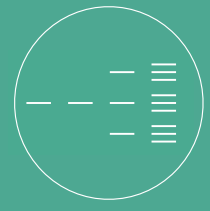
2 We give thanks to God always for **all of you**, making
mention of you in our **prayers**;

Notice this is a local church family in Thessalonica.

Notice what this team left behind...a group of maturing members.

Notice the mindset on thanksgiving and prayer.

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1 Thessalonians 1:4 knowing, **brethren beloved by God**, His choice of you; **5** for our **gospel** did not come to you in word only, but also in **power** and in **the Holy Spirit** and with **full conviction**; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

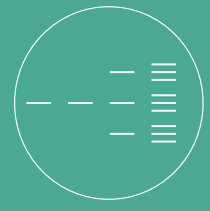
Notice how God chooses and loves His children.

Notice the power of the gospel and how the gospel empowers.

Notice The Holy Spirit's part and depend totally on Him.

Notice the full conviction the Word and Spirit bring.

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Please line up your expectation of the church family with the Word.

Work to clearly understand where your Pastors are leading you.

Consider being focused on how you can make His bride beautiful.

Consider how you can make progress in ***Gathering***,
Equipping and
Loving.

