

**LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD - "RESCUED"**  
**I THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

1. How was this church started by Paul? What was Paul's experience in Thessalonica compared to Berea? See Acts 17:1-15
2. Paul ends the chapter saying we are rescued from the coming wrath of God. How will we view ourselves if we fail to accept this truth? What will happen if we don't believe Jesus has rescued us?
3. As you read the passage together as a group, what themes do you see? Can you conclude Paul assumes these believers are elect? What evidences does he highlight?
4. The first point made in the sermon was the teaching in verse 4 of election. How does the Bible interpret this doctrine? See Romans 9 and Ephesians 1:3 and also 2 Thess. 2:13. This is a hard teaching for sure. Can you share how you came to believe this teaching or do you still struggle with it? If this doctrine of election is true, how should we view ourselves? How should we view God?
5. In this first chapter Paul talks about the Holy Spirit. Where does he mention the Holy Spirit and what does he teach? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life of late?
6. Paul says these believers turned from idols to serve the living God? What are modern day idols that we as believers living in a very prosperous area would do well to turn away from?