



I THESSALONIANS

Part Seven

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

E. Transformation of the People. 1:9-10.

1. The Church's converts reflected (1:9):

a. What had influenced those who had influenced them.

1) The faith of Paul. *they themselves shew of us.*

2) The ministry of Paul. *what manner of entering in we had unto you*

b. What God had produced in the lives of those who had influenced them.

1) Complete repentance to God. *how ye turned to God from idols.*

2) Total commitment to Christ. *to serve the living and true God.*

3) Full faith in Christ. *to wait for his Son from heaven.*

2. The Church's testimony projected (1:10):

a. The Coming Christ. *to wait for his Son from heaven.*

-Your testimony projects the Coming Christ when you live prayerfully watching to be ready for His return. Mark 13:32-33.

b. The Risen Christ. *whom he raised from the dead.*

-Your testimony projects the Risen Christ when you live victorious over sin, self, and Satan. Romans 6:3-14.

c. the Saving Christ. *even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

-Your testimony projects the Saving Christ when you live burdened for souls and sowing the seed of the Gospel. Acts 5:42.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. Faithful service in God's ministry leads to the transformation of lives.

2. God's people must strive to reflect the character of Christ and the work of God's hand.

3. When we live obedient to the Scriptures, our lives reinforce the Gospel message.