

Hands On Learning

Introduction:

This is a lesson that walks you through the steps of memorizing the first chapter of Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians. The procedures and techniques used illustrate how you can develop your own system of prompts as you go along. These, then, serve to "trigger" your memory in review.

Caution: Please don't try to just read this text through at one sitting. It is designed as a "hands on" work shop to walk you through the techniques of memorizing as you actually learn the passage of Scripture. It has been broken it up into bite sized portions, so you deal with only a small section at a time as you build little by little on what you have learned. It will be important for you to read only the segment that pertains to the actual portion of Scripture you're working on. It is also important that you know each section thoroughly before going on to the next. Each segment is clearly marked and numbered so you will be able to easily identify the breaking points.

The Lord seems to have led me to the first chapter of the first epistle to the Thessalonians for this exercise, and we're using the New International Version. Other chapters might be more familiar, perhaps easier, for a first time experience, but this one seems to offer good opportunity for emphasizing tips and principles that will be helpful in your overall program.

This is not a Bible study, but as you learn and meditate on the Holy Script, it will become a beautiful study as the Holy Spirit *Himself*, becomes your teacher and ministers to you through His powerful Word.

It will be important for you to have your Bible open as you proceed. At the end of the text, you will find a printed copy of the Scripture highlighting areas that were emphasized.

I Thessalonians 1

So, here we go with the first Chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians!

Segment #1 (Chapter 1, Verse 1):

As you approach the memorization of God's Holy Word, always be sure to ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you and help you impress His truths on your heart and mind.

As you know, most of the New Testament Epistles begin by identifying the author or authors, then they address the person or persons to whom they are written and this is usually followed by a greeting. In this epistle, all three of these elements are quite brief.

First we have the authors . . . *Paul, Silas and Timothy* . . . They are conveniently listed in alphabetical order. Always keep your eyes open for alphabetical sequence, it will frequently help you over difficult places. So here note that the "P" of Paul, comes before the "S" of Silas, and the "S" of Silas comes before the "T" of Timothy.

So we have

Paul, Silas and Timothy . . .to the church of the Thessalonians . . ." The letter is written ". . . to the church of the Thessalonians . . ."

Notice it's not to the church of Thessalonica. It's not written to a church building, it's written to people . . . *the Thessalonians*. . . *the church of the Thessalonians*. Also notice that the word "the", t-h-e is used twice in this short portion. So when you come back to this tomorrow, if you don't have two "the's", you'll know you're not saying it correctly. Let's try it.

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If memorizing is new to you, or if you have trouble retaining what you have learned, this may be an adequate portion. Say it over and over, to yourself and out loud—while you're lying in bed, driving in your car, working in your garden, while you're shaving or putting on your makeup, anytime your mind is not actively involved in other matters—until you can rattle it off like you do your name and telephone number.

Sometimes people say to me . . . "I memorized a verse of Scripture one night, and the next day, I couldn't remember a thing." This is quite normal, especially when you're first starting.

For a while you'll probably have to keep referring back to the text for prompting. But, with just a little persistence, you'll find you can recall it quite easily and hopefully the helps we're giving you here will give you the prompts you need.

Sometimes, it's easy to get carried away with enthusiasm and want to whiz along, but it's important for you to take small bites, and build little by little on what you've learned. If you don't, you could face **big problems** later on. So don't be in a rush. Enjoy yourself. Allow yourself all the time you need—a day, a week—however much time you need to establish each portion securely in your mind before going on. Remember the joy and blessing is in the review and meditation needed to rivet the scripture into your memory, not in just memorizing words.

(We have made this section, purposely, short, but if you find the length of any segment too long, break it down into portions that are comfortable for you.)

THIS IS THE END OF THE FIRST SEGMENT.

Segment #2 (Last Part of Verse 1):

Now, can you say the first part of verse one?

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians . . ."

Paul then identifies the Source and Foundation of their faith . . . *Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians . . . in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* Notice in God THE Father and THE Lord Jesus Christ. Other places it may be "OUR Father and OUR Lord Jesus Christ. Here again, notice the repeated use of the word "THE". It is used four times in this short verse.

Then you have the brief greeting . . . *Grace and peace to you.*

Say it out loud. . .

*Paul, Silas and Timothy . . . to **the** church of **the** Thessalonians in God **the** Father and **the** Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.*

At first you may have to slowly work your way through this verse using the guide lines, but soon you'll be able to say it smoothly. Repeat, review and meditate until you can breeze right through.

Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

For the sake of learning techniques, we've been dealing here with the more "mechanical" aspects of memorizing, but guard against this being just a "legalistic exercise". Again,

always bear in mind that it's not "memorizing words", that is important, it's the great joy and blessing of getting to know the Lord through His Word. As you memorize, ask the Lord to open your eyes to His profound truths. This is what the psalmist prayed "Open thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 2

Segment #3 (Verse 2):

Be sure you are comfortable with verse 1 before starting, here, on verse 2.

Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

Verse 2 starts, *We always thank God for all of you . . .*

Noting the first word of a sentence is often a key for remembering the rest. The first word in the body of this letter is "We", not "I" because it is written by several people. And notice it is not, "We thank God for you". It is

We ALWAYS thank God for ALL of you. There are two superlatives.

"We ALWAYS thank God for ALL of you . . . mentioning you in our prayers.

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After you have learned verse 2 thoroughly, say it with verse 1.

*Paul, Silas and Timothy to **the** church of **the** Thessalonians in God **the** Father and **the** Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.*

"We ALWAYS thank God for ALL of you . . . mentioning you in our prayers."

Now that you've had opportunity to evaluate this method of memorizing, be sure you understand that this is only *one technique* of grasping longer portions of scripture. If you find it more mechanical than what you're comfortable with, then just use whatever works best for you. And if you are an audio learner you may find our tape on this passage a better resource. There is no right and wrong. The most important thing is for you to enjoy this time in the Word as the Lord impresses His wonderful truths on your heart.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 3

Segment #4 (Verse 3):

Be sure you can say the first two verses together to make sure you're ready for this the third verse.

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

*"We **ALWAYS** thank God for **ALL** of you . . . mentioning you in our prayers."*

Now notice, verse two started with "We". Verse 3 starts with the same word, "We". Verse two starts "We **ALWAYS**" . . . Verse 3 starts "We **CONTINUALLY**".

*"**WE CONTINUALLY** remember before our God and Father . . ."*

Notice in verse one it was "God **THE** Father", here it is "**OUR God and Father. . .**"

You may want to stop here and add this to the first two verses before going on because this is rather a long passage. Try it:

*Paul, Silas and Timothy to **the** church of **the** Thessalonians in God **the** Father and **the** Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.*

*"We **ALWAYS** thank God for **ALL** of you mentioning you in our prayers.*

***WE CONTINUALLY** remember before **OUR** God and Father . . ."*

I know it probably seems a little strange to leave you dangling here in mid air, but the next part is a little more complex and I want to be sure you're sure of the prior Scripture, before going on. If you're ready, we next have a trilogy of trios.

*We continually remember before our God and Father . . . **your work** produced by faith, **your labor** prompted by love, and **your endurance** inspired by hope in **OUR** Lord Jesus Christ.*

So we have. . . *We continually remember before our God and Father your **WORK** . . . your **LABOR** . . . and your **ENDURANCE** . . .*

Notice the use of the pronoun "your" before each of the three points which can be considered somewhat progressive. I personally, think of . . ."Work" as "Work". "Labor" is work with a little "endurance". And "endurance" as "keeping on keeping on".

Notice the alphabetical sequence. The words are in reverse alphabetical order. The "W" of work comes after the "L" of labor, and the "L" of labor comes after the "E" of endurance.

Now the verbs, the second trio.

*Your work **produced** by faith, your labor **prompted** by love, and your endurance **inspired** by hope*

Normally, you might consider that **inspiration** would come first, then **prompting** and then **production**. But here these verbs are in reverse order. First, "Work" is "produced". then, "Labor" is "prompted" and "endurance" is "inspired". I had a little trouble with the first verb, "produce" but solved it by the association of a farmer "working" with his "produce". So when I get here, I always think of a farmer and his produce, to make sure I use the correct word.

The third trio is that familiar one from I Corinthians 13 - *Faith, hope and love*. "Faith" comes first here as in that chapter but the order of hope and love is reversed.

So you have *"your work produced by faith (faith, the heavy), your labor prompted by love (love, the motive), and your endurance inspired by hope (hope, the ethereal, awesome future)*.

And *"hope"* in whom? . . . *in OUR Lord Jesus Christ*. Again, notice, *our Lord Jesus Christ*, not THE Lord Jesus Christ as in the first verse.

So here we have a big bite.

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Stop and figure it out, breaking it up if you need to. Spend as much time as you need to be sure so you have it thoroughly in mind. Then add it to verse 2.

"We ALWAYS thank God for ALL of you mentioning you in our prayers. We CONTINUALLY remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

When you have this passage thoroughly in mind add these two verses to the first verse. You are probably starting to understand why it's important to go slow and to absorb each portion thoroughly as you go along before advancing to the next.

Now, start from the beginning of the chapter.

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 4

Segment #5 (Verse 4):

Can you still say the first 3 verses?

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 2 started with the word "We", and verse 3 started with "We". Verse 4 starts with "FOR WE".

*For we **know**, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,*

For we know, brothers. . . Note: "brothers". Paul seems to address "brothers" consistently throughout this epistle. In other epistles, he sometimes uses terms such as "friends", "dear friends", "dear children" . . . So it is a good if you can establish an association to help you identify the term of address used.

Here we have what I refer to in my simple way as "a sandwich". The "L" of "loved" is sandwiched in between two "B's", the "B" of "brothers", and "B" of "by". "**Brothers Loved By (God).**"

Also note the consecutive "H's" in the last phrase of verse 4. . . "He Has . . . chosen you."

*For we know, **brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,***

Again when you have mastered this verse, add it to verses 2 and 3 and then to verse 1 as we've done before. Be sure to enjoy what you've learned as you progress.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 5

Segment #6 (First Part of Verse 5):

Are you ready with the first 4 verses before starting verse 5?

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

How did you do? Are you ready to go on?

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, (why?)

because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

Did you see the acronym, **Because Our Gospel** "BOG". B-O-G? Whenever I see a word beginning with a vowel, I check for an acronym.

It may save you problems later on if you note the use of the word **simply** . . . "*not simply with words*". It may be easy to slip "only" in there, "not **only** with words". So, just note the use of the word, "simply". . . "*not **SIMPLY** with words*".

Also note consecutive words beginning with the same letter "**With Words**", W, W. And take note of the repetition of the word "WITH" . . . *not simply **with** words, but also **with** power, **with** the Holy Spirit and **with** deep conviction.*

And here in verse 5 we have another trilogy. . . *because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also (1) with power, (2) with the Holy Spirit and (3) with deep conviction.*

Notice that the Holy Spirit is not first or last, but right in the middle. . .

. . . our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

After you learn this verse it will, of course, be necessary for you to say it along with verse 4, then the preceding paragraph, and when you have it all well in mind quote it from the beginning of the chapter.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 6

Segment #7 (Last Part of Verse 5):

You will be on your own from here on take it from the beginning of the chapter in review before starting each segment. So how did you do? Are you ready for the last part of verse 5?

You know that the first three sentences in the body of the epistle have started with the pronoun "We", or "For We" in the fourth sentence begun here in verse 5 we have a shift from "We" to "You". The last sentence started with "For **we know**". This next sentence in the last part of verse 5, starts "**You know . . .** "

***You** know how we lived among you for your sake.*

Note in this short sentence, "you" and/or "your" is used three times.

*"**You** know how we lived among **you** for **your** sake."*

If you need it, note the "sandwich", the "F" of "for" is sandwiched between the two "Y's", "You" and "Your". "**You For Your**" Y-F-Y.

You are now familiar with the procedure of going back and reviewing this sentence with the first part of the paragraph, then the prior paragraph and finally from the beginning of the chapter. Be sure you can say it all smoothly before going on to verse 6.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 7

Segment #8 (First Part of Verse 6):

How did you do on your review? Are you ready for verse 6?

Here we have another sentence beginning with "You"

You became imitators of us and of the Lord:

It may be helpful to note that there are five consecutive words here that begin with vowels. "*imitators of us and of . . . (the Lord)*".

Also notice the first letters of ". . . *Imitators Of Us. . .*" They spell I.O.U. This may help to trigger your memory if you have trouble with this portion.

You became imitators of us and of the Lord:

Don't forget to add this verse to the beginning of the paragraph, the prior paragraph and then from the take it from the beginning of the chapter.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 8

Segment #9 (Last Part of Verse 6):

Don't forget your review. Remember we ended last time in the middle of a sentence.

You became imitators of us and of the Lord: . . .

Now, continuing on . . . *in spite of severe suffering. . .*

You became imitators of us and of the Lord: . . .in spite of severe suffering. . .

in spite of severe. . . Did you pick up the acronym? S.O.S. "in *Spite Of Severe . . .*" Now that's a easy one to remember. (Or if you prefer think of it as a "sandwich", S-O-S.)

Also note the repetition of words beginning with the letter "S".

. . .In spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

Remember the Holy Spirit in verse 5 was associated with "power", here He is identified as a 'joy giver". Also note the repetition of the word "the", T-H-E.

*. . .you welcomed **THE** message with **THE** joy given by **THE** Holy Spirit. . . . three "THE'S"*

This is important to note, because in review, you'll become aware of the repetition and start wondering if you're saying it correctly. Whereas if you note it at the beginning, it'll work to help establish the correct wording in your mind and you don't have to go back to rethink it.

Now you know the routine of going back and adding this to the prior paragraphs, and then starting from the beginning.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 9

Segment #10 (Verse 7):

What do you think, can you do all six verses? Are you ready for verse 7?

Note: verse 6 started, "**You became. . .**" Verse 7 starts "**And so you became . . .**"

And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

. . . *To All The (believers)* Note the acronym - "**T-A-T**". But if you're unfamiliar with crocheting, you can think of it as one of my so-called "sandwiches".

And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

. . . Macedonia and Achaia . . . Notice the **double A's** . . . "*and Achaia*". The names of places are sometimes difficult to retain, so it may help to remember that the place, mentioned after the conjunction "and", starts with the same letter "A". "*and Achaia*"

Now, as you're building, little by little, verse by verse on what you learn, you know the importance of constant review. Also going backward and forward, as we have encouraged, is significant. If you *always* start at the beginning of the chapter you have a tendency to be very familiar with the first few verses, but drag as you get further into the passage. When you start learning longer chapters, you will want to break them up into different segments and establish different starting points.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 10

Segment 11 (First part of Verse 8):

Don't forget your complete review of the first seven verses. And now as we are approaching the last part of the chapter I will not be quite as thorough as I have been. I'll let you put some of what you have been learning into practice.

In the body of this letter, the first two sentences started with "*We*", (the third with "*For we*"). The next two sentences started with "*You*". Verse 7, the next one began with "*And*" and verse

8 following it, starts with "*The Lord's message*". So the first sentence words in the text spell out, "We", "You" "And" "The Lord's message". Keep that in mind for future review.

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — your faith in God has become known everywhere.

Right away you notice the repetition from the prior verse. . . "*in Macedonia and Achaia*". Also note the acronym ". . ."**FIG**" . . .*Faith In God*.

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — your faith in God has become known everywhere.

Don't forget your review.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 11

Segment #12 (Last Part of Vs 8, First Part of Verse 9):

Have you done your review?

The next sentence that begins here in the last part of verse 8 extends into verse 9. It begins again with the subject, "**We**" preceded by "*therefore*". "**THEREFORE WE**"

Take note of the series of consecutive words beginning with the same letter, each separated by two words.

*Therefore we do **NOT NEED** (double N's) to say **ANYTHING ABOUT** (Double A's) it, for **THEY THEMSELVES** (double T's.) report what kind of reception you gave us.*

It might be helpful also to note that the first verb is "**SAY**". . . *Therefore we do **not need** to **SAY** anything about it, and the second verb is **REPORT** . . . They themselves **REPORT** what kind of reception you gave us.*

*Therefore we do **not need** to **say anything about it**, for **they themselves report** what kind of reception you gave us.*

Don't forget your "backward" review.

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 12

Segment #13 (Last Part of Verse 9):

Can you take it from the beginning?

The next sentence which begins here in verse 9 again has a pattern of two words beginning with the same letter **THEY TELL** (double T's) *how you* **TURNED TO** (double T's again) *God from idols . . .*

Notice the subject in the last part of the last sentence is "**They**". This sentence begins with the same "subject" "**They**".

They themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

Notice living and true are in alphabetical order. And check for other prompts we have mentioned.

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

(Review)

THIS IS THE END OF SEGMENT 13

Segment #14, (Verse 10)

Can you believe it - this is the LAST VERSE OF CHAPTER 1

I hope this has not been too hard to grasp or too mechanical. And, I'm sure you know what I'm going to say: be sure to go over the first part of the chapter *again* before continuing here. Rote repetition and constant review is what it takes to brand the living Word on to your memory.

The sentence that begins in verse 9 is completed in this 10th and last verse . . .

They tell how you turned to God from idols . . . TO SERVE the living and true God.

Verse 10 continues. . . *and TO WAIT for his Son from heaven . . .*

Notice, the repetition of the word "to". "*you turned TO God from idols . . . TO SERVE the living and true God. . . and TO WAIT for his Son from heaven. .*

*They tell how you 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 -- Jesus, **WHO** rescues us from the coming wrath.*

Note the '**WHOM AND WHO**, . . . **WHOM** He raised from the dead -- Jesus, **WHO** rescues us from the coming wrath.

Note also that "Rescue is not past tense **RESCUED**, it is present tense, **RESCUES**.

NOW THERE YOU HAVE IT!!

When you've finished memorizing this last verse, and thoroughly reviewed, quote it to someone who can check it for you word for word so you can correct any errors you may have picked up along the way.

Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

You became imitators of us and of the Lord: in spite of severe suffering you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia -- your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us.

They tell how you 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 -- Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

BRAVO!!! BRAVO!!! YOU DID IT!! You have finished Chapter 1 of First Thessalonians. Now continue to review it again and again until it is second nature for you.

Meditate on it often— in those quiet moments. Let it bathe your soul and feed your spirit as you let the Holy Spirit impress it on your soul. Then you will have it with you forever!!!

Just by way of review: As you are memorizing longer portions of Scripture, always look for prompts, such as those we have mentioned, as you go along. This often helps to rivet it in your mind: the repetition of words . . . alphabetical sequence. . . an acronym. . . a "sandwich". . . two or more words beginning with the same letter. . . a word ending with the same letter that begins the next word. It may be a good exercise for you to go back over this passage or another passage of Scripture to find your own examples of these little helpers and others you may be developing for yourself. As you memorize longer portions of Scripture, you'll find yourself automatically looking for little clues to use as "crutches" when you need them. They often make the difference between a smooth quote and "stone walling". For example, there will undoubtedly be acronyms that have special meaning for you but not for others.

By the way don't be discouraged if you hit a blank wall in a passage you think you know well. It happens to everyone. No matter how familiar we may be with a passage, there is always a day when we will be going along "lickety split" and then all of a sudden hit a blank. When it happens, just check your text and go on and then look for a strategy that will help you to remember it next time.

I trust this has been a help to you as you begin your adventure of learning to store more chapters and even books of Scripture in your heart where no one can ever take them from you.

May the Word of Christ dwell in you richly and may the Lord reveal Himself to you in special ways as you seek to know Him through His eternal, all-powerful word.

Below is a condensation of the suggestions discussed in this discourse.

I THESSALONIANS 1

1. Paul, Silas and Timothy to **the** church of **the** *Thessalonians* in God **the** Father and **the** Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

2. We **ALWAYS** thank God for **ALL** of you mentioning you in our prayers.

3. We **CONTINUALLY** remember before **our** God and Father **your** **WORK** *produced by faith, your LABOR prompted by love, and your ENDURANCE inspired by hope* in **our** Lord Jesus Christ.

4. For We **KNOW**, Brothers Loved **By** God, that **He** **Has** chosen you, 5. because **Our** Gospel came to you not **simply** **WITH** words, but also **WITH** power, **WITH** the Holy spirit and **WITH** deep conviction.

You **KNOW** how we lived among **you** for **your** sake.

6. You **became** imitators of us and of the Lord: in **Spite** of **Severe** Suffering, you welcomed **THE** message with **THE** joy given by **THE** Holy Spirit.

7. And so **YOU** **became** a model **To** **All** **The** believers in Macedonia **And** Achaia.

8. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia **And** Achaia -- your Faith In **God** has become known everywhere.

Therefore **WE** do Not Need to say **Anything** About it,

9. for **They** **Themselves** report what kind of reception you gave us.

They **Tell** how you **Turned** **TO** God from idols **TO** serve the **Living** and **True** God,

10. and **TO** wait for His Son from heaven, **whom** He raised from the dead —Jesus, **who** **rescue**S us from the coming wrath.