

# FIRST THESSALONIANS: AN EPISTLE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Intro:

A. Text: I Thessalonians

B. To begin with, we must ascertain the origin of their encouraging nature.

1. It all started with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I Thess. 2:2,9-12
2. It was further enhanced by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I Thess. 2:2
  - What happened in Philippi? Look at Acts 17:1ff

C. Having heard Paul's preaching and been witness to his suffering, these people became the picture of encouragement.

D. The church of Thessalonica .....

I. \_\_\_\_\_

- I Thess. 1:6-10
- II Cor. 8:1-5

II. \_\_\_\_\_

- I Thess. 3:6-10
- Phil. 4:11-16

III. \_\_\_\_\_

- I Thess. 4:18
- I Thess. 5:11
- I Thess. 5:14

IV. \_\_\_\_\_

- I Thess. 5:27
- The encouragement still continues today.

Conclusion: