

**A time to give Thanks!**

**I Thessalonians 1:1-10**



# Thanksgiving Scripture

- Psalm 95:1-5
- Psalm 100:1-5
- Ephesians 5:19-20
- Philippians 4:6
- I Thessalonians 5:16-18





# We should give Thanks for Christ's Salvation!

(vs.1-4)

- This letter was written around 50-51 A.D.
- Paul & Silas began this church!
- Acts 16-17
- Paul is thankful that God allowed him & Silas to bring the Gospel to this people.
- How did you come to faith in Jesus Christ?
- Who shared with you the Gospel?



# We should give Thanks for one another!

(vs.5-7)

- The church at Thessalonica was imitators of Paul.
- Paul reminds the church of the difficult start that they experienced as a church.
- Their faithful service was a positive example to other congregations.
- How can God us GBC to be an encouragement to other churches?





# We should give Thanks by sharing the Gospel with others!

(v.8)

- Salvation should bring us great joy.
- The Thessalonian's joy went before them throughout the region.
- Just as someone had to tell us about Jesus, we too need to share the Good News with those outside the church.



# We should give Thanks for our future home in Heaven!

(vs.9-10)

- God took them from a dead faith to a living faith.
- We are not waiting for “signs”, we are waiting for the Savior.
- Expecting the Lord’s return should be a motivation to the church for being soul winners.

