

**WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - NOV 10, 2019**

**TOPIC:** TWELVE NT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 8: *A Prayer Of Thanks!*

**TEXT:** I Thessalonians 1:1-10

**INTRO:** The Thessalonian Church!

**I. A CHOSEN PEOPLE: v.4-5 cf.2:13**

- God's Election!

Note: Being chosen by God IS the first step to God's blessing, and to be a blessing to others!

Why?:

1. Because a person becomes a child of God - I Peter 2:9; John 1:12
2. Because a person obtains TRUE peace - v.1b; Phil.4:7

**II. AN EXEMPLARY PEOPLE: vv.6,9**

Note: "imitators" (v.6) = Greek, "mimetes," meaning, "followers"

1. They followed their leaders - v.6a  
\**"Before one could become a good leader, he or she MUST be a good follower first!"*
2. They followed Christ's example - v.6a cf. I Cor. 11:1
  - A. In His deep humility - John 13:1-15
  - B. In His painful suffering - I Peter 2:21
3. They suffered for Christ - v.6b cf. Acts 17:1-9
4. They gave SACRIFICIALLY! - II Corinthians 8:1-5
5. They showed GENUINE salvation -v.9cf. Psal. 115:4-8

Note: From polytheism to monotheism!

**III. AN ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE: vv.7-8**

Note: They were great evangelists - v.8

1. Manifested by their WALK - v.7
2. Manifested by their TALK - v.8  
\**"When was the last time you have told someone about the Gospel?"*

**CONCLUSION:** The Thessalonian Church was an expectant church!

**THANK GOD FOR YOU!**

THANK GOD FOR YOU,

Good friend of mine.

Seldom is friendship such as thine;

How very much I wish to be,

As helpful as you've been to me -

THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Of many prayer guests, one thou art

On whom I ask God to impart,

Rich blessings from His storeroom rare,

And grant you His gracious care.

THANK GOD FOR YOU.

When I recall from time to time,

How you inspired this heart of mine:

I find myself inclined to pray,

God bless my friend this very day -

THANK GOD FOR YOU.

So often, at the throne of Grace,

There comes a picture of your face:

And then instinctively, I pray

That God may Guide you all the way -

THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Someday I hope with you to stand,

Before the throne, at God's right hand;

And to say to you - at journey's end:

"Praise God you've been to me a friend -

THANK GOD FOR YOU."

- Joseph Clark

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**Verse For Today**

*"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers!" - I Thessalonians 1:2*

**Food For Thought**

*"When you drink from the stream, remember the spring!"*

- Chinese Proverb

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