

LIVING EXPECTANT OF CHRIST'S RETURN

1 THESSALONIANS

SERMON SERIES

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Title: The Marks of the Church

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

1. Those Who Are Saved
2. Those Who Are Examples of Faith
3. Those Who Wait Expectantly

Key Scriptures:

1 Thess 1:2-6 , 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:16-18, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Thess 1:3, 7-9, James 2:17-18, John 13:34-35, 2 Timothy 4:8, 1 John 5:1-5, 1 Thess 1:10, Hebrews 9:28, James 5:7-8, 2 Peter 3:3-9

Discussion Guide: (for use individually, as a family, or in a group)

Begin with prayer and read 1 Thess 1:2-10. Discuss any insights or observations you had from this week's message or from the scripture passages shared. Did anything stand out to you?

- **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14:** What should characterize the welcome of the Lord in a person who puts their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior? What would be the outward difference between a genuine and disingenuous profession of faith? How about internally? Explain...
- **Read 1 John 5:1-5:** What does this passage say will mark a follower of Christ? Discuss the difference between trying hard to behave correctly and relying on the Lord to do a work in you as you trust in Him. What are important differences?
- **Read James 5:7-9:** What is so hard about waiting on the Lord? What is produced while we wait? What is the fruit we are waiting for? Is it worth it? Explain. What may need to be strengthened in your heart so you may more faithfully wait?

Discuss any further insights together and close in prayer.