

The Christ Centered Church

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1 Thessalonians 1

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Key Verse:

“remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.”

1 Thessalonians 1:3

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Key truth:

A Christ-centered church follows Jesus regardless of opposition, proclaims the gospel in word and deed, embraces the truth of God, inspiring others to do the same while anticipating His return.

The Christ Centered Church

Follows

Inspires

Proclaims

Embraces

Anticipates

I. **Follows** Jesus even in the face of opposition – 1 Thessalonians 1:3



Lies and False Accusations – Acts 17:1-10



Threats and Intimidation – Acts 17:18-21

II. **Inspires** other to be bold and courageous - 1 Thessalonians 1:7



Courage breeds courage – Ex. 1:17

III. **Proclaims** the Gospel in word and deed - 1 Thessalonians 1:8

- The word of the Lord sounds forth
- Faith toward God goes out – James 4:20

IV. **Embraces** the Truth of God over the deception of man - 1 Thessalonians 1:8

- They turn from idols to God – Romans 1:25
- They are countercultural– Romans 12:2

V. **Anticipates** the return of King Jesus - 1 Thessalonians 1:10

- They focus not on what is, but what shall be – Hebrews 12:2-3
- They have an eternal perspective

When eternity is in focus, you lose the fear and anxiety of today.

Are You Living a Christ Centered Life?