

Thanks for Spiritual Fruit

(1Thessalonians 1:1-5; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday Morning 9/27/15)

Theme: We are to thank God for true conversion which always bears fruit; based on His choice, by the power of Christ's gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit.

I. Greeting the church that is "in" God (1:1)

- A. From Paul, Sylvanus and Timothy (1:1a)
- B. To the church of the Thessalonians (1:1b)
 - 1. The church "in" God and Christ
 - 2. Grace and peace

II. Giving thanks for the church that is "in" God (1:2-5)

- A. Thanks arising in prayer (1:2)
- B. Thanks arising in recognition of spiritual fruit (1:3)
 - 1. A working faith
 - 2. A serving love
 - 3. A persevering hope
- C. Thanks arising from God's choice of them (1:4-5)
 - 1. In power, the Holy Spirit and true conviction
 - 2. By true messengers