

# **A Church of First Love**

## **1 Thessalonians 1:1-3**

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A. Background of the Church in Thessalonica – Acts 17:1-4

B. A Look Inside a First Love Church

1. Characteristics in a First Love Church

### **1 Thessalonians 1**

- A Gospel-birther church  
1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a; I Corinthians 15:1-4
- A Gospel-spreading church  
1 Thessalonians 1:8

### **1 Thessalonians 2**

- A Word centered Church  
1 Thessalonians 2:13, Isaiah 66:1-2
- A Persecuted Church  
1 Thessalonians 2:14-15, 2 Timothy 3:10-12

### **1 Thessalonians 3**

- A loving and faithful church  
1 Thessalonians 3:6
- A Spiritually Relational church  
1 Thessalonians 3:6, Romans 1:11-12

### **1 Thessalonians 4**

- A Teachable Church  
1 Thessalonians 4:9, Ephesians 4:20
- An Obedient Church  
1 Thessalonians 4:10

### **1 Thessalonians 5**

- An Encouraging Church  
1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:12-13
- A Second Coming Church  
1 Thessalonians 5:23, 1 Peter 1:13, 1 John 3:1-3