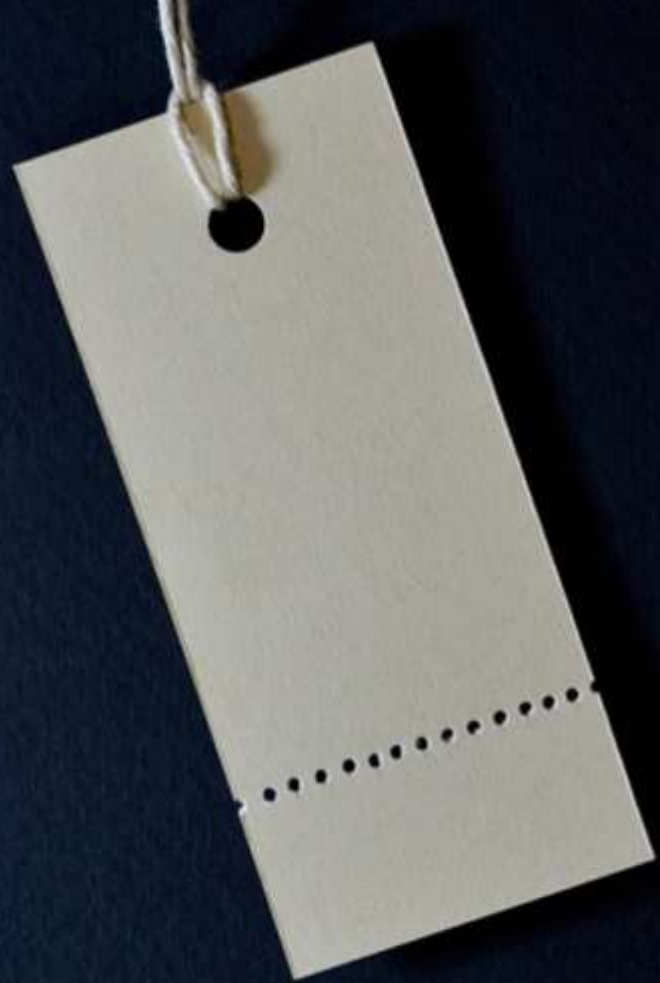


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THESSALONIANS



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1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. **2** We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

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3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, **4** knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you; **5** for our

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gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** You also became imitators of us and of the

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Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For the word of the Lord has sounded forth

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from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.
9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with

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you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, **10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

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**A Turn from
Something that
Shaped Them**

15 The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, the work of man's hands. **16** They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; **17** They have ears, but they do not hear, nor is there any breath at all in their mouths. **18** Those who make them will be like them, yes, everyone who trusts in them.

Psalm 135:15-18

A Turn to Someone Who Shapes Us

**A Turn from
Something that
Demanded Loyalty**

I swear...that I will support Caesar Augustus, his children and descendants throughout my life in word, deed, and thought...that in whatsoever concerns them I will spare neither body nor soul nor life nor children...that whenever I see or hear of anything being said, planned or done against them I will report it...and whomsoever they regard as enemies I will attack and pursue with arms and the sword by land and by sea...

-E.A. Judge

**A Turn to
Someone Who
Deserves Loyalty**

A Turn from What Culture Values



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