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# Port of Thessalonica

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# The Aegean Sea

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## VIA EGNATIA



## A. Greeting (1Th. 1:1).

1. The three men behind this letter were “Paul and Silvanus and Timothy.”
2. The letter was written “To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
3. The summary greeting of the men for the Thessalonians was: “Grace to you and peace.”

B. The godly conduct of the Thessalonians resulted in the giving of thanks (1Th. 1:2-4).

1. (vs. 2) Giving thanks for *all* the Thessalonians was the regular practice of Paul and his coworkers as they recalled them in their prayers. All of this happened while they were
2. (vs. 3) “constantly bearing in mind” the Thess’
  - a. “work of faith”
  - b. “and labor of love”
  - c. “and steadfastness of hope”



➤ “in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father” – anticipating a *certain* outcome.





3. (vs. 4) All of this hinged on this: “knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you.” All of the five-point crowd connect this to pre-temporal election, that is, before time began God picking certain individuals for eternal life and of necessity picking the others for eternal death. Is that what Paul is saying?



C. This arose from the manner in which the gospel came to the Thessalonians (1Th. 1:5).

1. (vs. 5) Paul explained, “for our gospel did not come to you in word only”

a. “but also in power”

b. “and in the Holy Spirit”

c. “and with full conviction” – bec. of their testimony:

2. (vs. 5) “just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.”