

**CAN YOU SPOT A TRULY CHANGED LIFE IN CHRIST?
TRUE BELIEVERS CAN RECOGNIZE AND ARE THANKFUL FOR CHANGED LIVES
1 Thessalonians 1:2-5**

I. PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE SO THANKFUL FOR THE THESSALONIANS CHANGED LIVES (2-3)

A. They were thankful, constantly [praying](#) for them all (2)

B. They were thankful, constantly [remembering](#) the fruit of their true relationship with Christ (3)

1. ...remembering their work that faith in Christ produced (**Faith's work**)

2. ...remembering their toil that came from love for Christ and His people (**Love's labor**)

3. ...remembering their enduring hope in Jesus Christ (**Hope's endurance**)

II. PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS UNDERSTOOD HOW GOD CHANGED THEIR LIVES: They were thankful, having known of the genuineness of their salvation in Jesus Christ (4-5)

A. Salvation comes from a loving God who chose them (4)

B. God's choice was confirmed by their response to the true Gospel (5)

1. ...which came not only from God's Word, but came in His Power, by His Spirit, with full conviction (5a)

2. ...which thus enabled them to see Paul and his companions rightly (5b)