

# A Joy-filled Church

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NLT2)**

*<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace.*

*<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.*

*<sup>3</sup> As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>4</sup> We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people.*

*<sup>5</sup> For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.*

*<sup>6</sup> So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.*

*<sup>7</sup> As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.*

*<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,*

*<sup>9</sup> for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.*

*<sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.*

# Four Attributes of a Joy-Filled Church

I. They received the message of Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> *So you received the message with joy from  
the Holy Spirit*

## II. They let no-one steal their Joy

\*True Joy is experienced when we are in right relationship with Jesus

***Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV)***

*<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.*

*<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*



### III. They shared their story, the Jesus story.

*<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,*

## IV. Looking for Jesus' Return

*<sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.*

***Philippians 3:20 (NLT2)***

*<sup>20</sup> But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.*

Looking for Jesus' Immanent Return causes us to:

1. Consider our relationship with Jesus.
2. Consider the eternity of others.
3. Consider our walk with Jesus.



# Business Meeting

Thompson house (West)	We owe \$72,174
Payments	\$1,295 excluding taxes and insurance water and sewer
Rental income as of Feb:	\$1,300
	taxes - \$1592
Franzen House (East)	purchase price \$268,000
Projected payments	\$2,147 per month excluding taxes and insurance water and sewer
Projected Rental Income	\$1,600 per month taxes - \$1,777

**If we were to borrow \$300,000 and have one payment.**

**Monthly payment would be \$2, 043 per month plus Water  
and sewer about \$200 for taxes per month \$281  
= \$2,524**

**We would receive \$2,900 from the two properties per month.  
Extra will go toward insurance and principle a \$376 surplus to  
Use toward insurance and or principle.**



**1. Do we buy the house next door?**

**2. Recommendation from the finance committee is that we consolidate the two loans using the church as collateral which frees up the properties to use as we see fit. As it will not be beneficial for us to have two loans.**

**\$3,723 payment for both homes excluding insurance per Month \$2,900 Income from rental of both homes.**

**\$823 monthly extra needed for payments for 2 ½ years if we se the \$40,000 toward paying principle of Thompson property.**