

What Every Church Should Be

1 Thessalonians

Greeting the Thessalonians

- The assembly
- A reminder and a blessing: 'Grace and peace'

Responsibility of the Pastors

- Prayer– taking the needs of people to God
- Proclamation– taking the message of God to people
- Pattern – displaying spiritual actions worth imitating

Response of the People

- Salvation – a faith that produces
- Service – a love that performs
- Steadfastness – a hope that endures

Five qualities

1. Saved church (vv. 1-5) – an *elect* people
2. Surrendered church (v.6)...to Christlikeness – an *exemplary* people
3. Suffering church (v. 6)... received word with much affliction (Acts 17 details) – an *enthusiastic* people
4. Soul-winning church (v. 7-8)
5. Second-coming church (v. 10) ...apostate churches deny Christ and deny the second coming – Why? It is associated with judgment → an *expectant* people