

AN OUTLINE OF FIRST THESSALONIANS

I.	<u>Personal: “We give thanks remembering...”</u>	1-3
1.	How the church was born--(The ideal church)	1
a.	An elect group.	1:1-5
b.	An exemplary group.	1:6-7
c.	An enthusiastic group.	1:8
d.	An expectant group.	1:9-10
2.	How the church was nurtured--(The ideal pastor)	2
a.	A faithful preacher.	2:1-6
b.	A gentle mother.	2:7-8
c.	A concerned father.	2:9-16
d.	A loving brother.	2:14-20
3.	How the church was established--(The ideal fellowship)	3
a.	Through the Word.	3:1-5
b.	Through prayer.	3:6-13
II.	<u>Practical: “We beseech you...”</u>	4-5
1.	Walk in holiness (the home).	4:1-8
2.	Walk in love (the church).	4:9-10
3.	Walk honestly (the job).	4:11-12
4.	Walk in hope (the dead).	4:13-18
5.	Walk in light (the family of God).	5:1-11
6.	Walk in gratitude (the saint).	5:12-13
7.	Walk in obedience (the sanctified).	5:14-28

Each chapter ends with a reference to the second coming of Christ, and relates His coming to: salvation (1:9-10); service (2:19-20); stability (3:13); sorrow (4:18); and sanctification (5:23).