21.04.11 1 Thessalonians ~ Introduction: Keep your head up! Notes

**About Thessalonica**

**Paul’s Approach**

Paul  Jesus and urged listeners to  Jesus by faith.

He used the  of God to declare the  of God.

1. **1 Thessalonians reminds us of the proper and outlook for sharing the good news.**

Not pleasing ourselves…but desiring to please . Verses 4–6

Not demanding, but tender and compassionate. Verses 6–7

Not lazy, but  . Verses 9–10

Not founded on the word of men, but on the Word of . Verses 13–14

This is a  **-**  approach to seeing, reaching & loving others.

1. **This letter will encourage us to center our focus on .**

1 Thessalonians 2:19

How can we ? What will be most  to him? What will give him the most glory? What will make him the most pleased?

The answer is  who join in to worship Him.

A part of our , then, is investing in  who will worship Jesus also.

When Paul says that these people are his , this is a marvelous statement about the delight in our spiritual lives.

1. **This letter will help us to develop a correct understanding of God’s will.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Is () going to help me become more holy,

or hinder my desire and efforts to become more like Jesus.

1. **This letter will greatly comfort the .**

1 Thessalonians 4:13 & 18

1. **1 Thessalonians motivates us to as we look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus.**

Nearly every chapter of 1 Thessalonians refers to the second coming of Jesus as a *motivation for faithfulness*. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:16; 5:2

1. **1 Thessalonians encourages me to: Keep your !**

See the grandeur of God and the glory of the  and the solid  of the return of your Savior Jesus!