Northwest Bible Church – 3/19/23 – 1 Thess. – Alan Conner

**1 Thess. 1:1**

Salutation

Intro

**A. THE AUTHOR.**

 1. Paul

 2. Silvanus and Timothy

3. Principle: team leadership

**B. THE RECIPIENTS.**

 1. “to the church of the Thessalonians”

 a. the original meaning of the word “church” – *ekklesia.*

 b. the significance of it in the NT

 2. “In God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

 a. the significance of the preposition “in”

 b. The significance of the name “Lord Jesus Christ”

**C. THE BLESSING.**

 1. Grace

 2. Peace

Conclusion

Discussion Questions: Why do you think the principle of “team leadership” is important in the church? What are the disadvantages of having only one leader? What does it mean that we are “in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”? What encouragement can we draw from this truth? Can you summarize the meaning of each word in the name “Lord Jesus Christ”? What impact does each word in this name have on our Christian lives? What does “grace” and “peace” mean and why do we need it everyday?