Northwest Bible Church – April 16, 2023 – 1 Thess. – Alan Conner

**1 Thess. 1:9-10**

The Report of the Conversion of the Thessalonians

Intro

**A. THEIR RECEPTION (1 Th. 1:9).**

 1Th. 1:5

 1Th. 2:13

**B. THEIR CONVERSION (1 Th. 1:9b-10).**

 1. REPENTANCE - “you turned to God from idols” (1 Th. 1:9).

 a. “turned to God from idols” -

 b. This word “turned” describes their repentance.

 *METANOIA –*

 *EPISTREPHO* **-**

 2. REVERENCE – “to serve a living and true God” (1 Th. 1:9).

 a. Service to God.

 b. Living and true God.

 (1) IDOLS are dead, God is living.

 (2) IDOLS are false, God is true.

 (3) IDOLS are many, God is ONE.

 (4) IDOLS are visible, God is invisible.

 (5) IDOLS are creatures, God is the Creator.

 3. RENDEZVOUS (1 Th. 1:10).

 a. “to wait for His Son from heaven” –

 b. “whom He raised from the dead” -

 c. “Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come” – Rom. 1:18; 5:9.

Conclusion

Discussion Questions: Can you name the three phases of conversion in this passage? What changes does conversion bring about in one’s life? Do you see any such changes in your life? Explain why the Christian should be both working (serving) and waiting? What do you learn about Jesus in 1 Th. 1:10? Pray for the Lord to increase His grace in your life to help you grow in repentance (turning), reverence (serving), and looking for the future rendezvous with the Lord Jesus (waiting).