

Here's an Example

1 Thessalonians
(series #14)

Introduction: the start of the church in Thessalonica - Acts 17:1-9

I. The Past: Work of Faith 1:1 - 3:13

- A. Paul's Commendation of the Thessalonians
1:1-10
- B. Paul's Conduct among the Thessalonians
2:1-12
- C. Paul's Concern for the Thessalonians 2:13 -
3:13

II. The Present: Labor of Love 4:1-12

- A. Spiritual Growth 4:1-2
- B. Sexual Purity 4:3-8
- C. Showing Love 4:9-10
- D. Social Respect 4:11-12

III. The Future: Patience of Hope 4:13 - 5:28

- A. The Dead in Christ 4:13-18
- B. The Day of the LORD 5:1-11
- C. The Duties of the Redeemed 5:12-28

Conclusion: the church at Thessalonica was -

- a saved church 1:1-5
- surrendered to Christ-likeness 1:6 a
- suffering for the truth 1:6 b
- sounding out the Word 1:7-9
- a second coming church 1:10
- standing fast 3:6-8
- submissive to the word of God 5:16-22