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# 1 Confident hope

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9-10

*For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (ESV)*

## Stop and think

Read the verses again. What do they mean?

Are there any words you're not sure about?\*

## Find the verses in your Bible

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 so that you can see the section we are studying in its context.

## Try to write out 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 in your own words

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\* idols—physical objects or images representing gods.

\* heaven—the place where God dwells.

\* wrath to come—God's anger, revealed on Judgement Day.

NOTE: The numbered questions can be answered directly from the passage.

The 'Think it through' questions help you to think further about what it means.

1. What did the Thessalonians turn *from*?

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2. Who did the Thessalonians turn *to*?

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3. Who were the Thessalonians waiting for?

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## think it through

*What idols are you tempted to serve?*

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*What will it mean for you to turn from those idols?*

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4. What has God done to Jesus?

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5. What will Jesus deliver us from?

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## think it through

*Why can you be confident that Jesus will return?*

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*How does Jesus deliver us from the wrath to come?*

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*How can you be sure that you will be delivered from the wrath to come?*

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### Other parts of the Bible to look at:

*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.  
(Hebrews 9:27-28)*

Also see:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Peter 1:13-16

2 Corinthians 5:6-10



## think it through

*What hope and comfort do you gain from knowing that Jesus will return?*

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*How will the knowledge of Jesus' return affect your behaviour now?*

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*How will the knowledge of Jesus' return affect your attitude to those who don't know Jesus?*

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**Memorize:** 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10