

# Church and the Covenant

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Thessalonians 1:5.

B. We ought to be concerned with what happens to those people who are won to Christ.

## II. Paul made a spiritual investment in men.

## III. What is important for the new convert.

A. Living the Christian life and demonstrating it before others. (Philippians 4:9)

B. Comforting and helping each individual. Each needs to learn to have a prayer time immediately. If one does not grow, he will go. (I Thessalonians 2:11)

C. The method to evangelism is going out to make disciples. (II Timothy 3:10)

D. A convert is a learner.

E. Paul feared that he would labor in vain. His burden was that people would mature into Christ, so he did everything he could to this end. (I Thessalonians 5:15, Colossians 4, I Thessalonians 3:5, Philippians 2:17, Galatians 4:19, I Corinthians 3, John 15:16, I John 2:25)

## Application questions:

1. Why is it not enough that the church evangelizes? How can the local church become more involved in a systematic program of discipling its members?

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2. What are some key things a person should introduce to a new convert?

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3. Do you know any young believers that you can help grow? What can you do to reach out to them this week? Explain.

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