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Faithful church 1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3, *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, ³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,*

Jesus wrote to 7 churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Out of 7 churches 5 churches got severe warning from the Lord except Smyrna and Philadelphia.

Hebrews 13:17, *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

Pastors are ought to be joyful in serving the church.

Apostle Paul established many churches by the grace of our Lord. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he did write letters to many of them.

Corinthians,
Galatians,
Ephesians,
Colossians,
Thessalonians.

Always thank God for you.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, *We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers*

1 Thessalonians 2:13, *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*

Why thanking God always?

1 Thessalonians 1:3, *remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,*

Three things Apostle Paul points out.

1. Without ceasing your work of faith,
2. Labour of love, and
3. Patience of hope

In other words,

- ✓ Faith,
- ✓ Love,
- ✓ Hope

Faith denotes- Salvation

Love denotes – Serving

Hope denotes – Steadfast

James 2:14-20, *Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

Jesus spoke about this **Matthew 7:21-23**, *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’*

Salvation:

Church consists of people who are saved.

Willing to obey the Lord wholeheartedly.

1 Thessalonians 1:1, *Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

They have fellowship with Father and Son Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:5, *For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.*

Holy Spirit.

They are saved regenerated Church.

You are elect of God.

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1 Thessalonians 2:12, *that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

How do we know the Gospel worked in them?

1 Thessalonians 1:6, *And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,*

Turned from idols to living God.

1 Thessalonians 1:9, *For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,*

By this they became imitators of God.

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Tribulation

Acts 17:1-9,

They are not only become imitators but also became an example.

Joyful in spite of tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16, *For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have*

persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, ¹⁶forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Problem at Jason's house

Service:

Service motivated by love.

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1 Thessalonians 1:7-8, *so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.*

They were evangelistic.

Steadfast:

1 Thessalonians 1:10, *and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

¹⁵*For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

1 Thessalonians 2:18-20, *Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.*