

## 1 THESSALONIANS 1 = A GENUINE FAITH

**1:1-3** Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ for the Thessalonians

*"As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ."* [1:3]

**1) For their \_\_\_\_\_ faith = "...faithful work..."**

*"Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."* EPH 6:7

**2) For their \_\_\_\_\_ love = "...loving deeds..."**

*"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them."* ROM 12:9

**3) For their \_\_\_\_\_ hope = "...enduring hope..."**

*"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."* 1 COR 13:7

**1:4-10 AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN FAITH**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_ in grace**

*"We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people."* [1:4]

*"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."* EPH 2:8-9

**2) With Christ at the \_\_\_\_\_**

*"For when we brought you the Good News... Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment."* [1:5, 10]

*"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot*

*produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me."* JOHN 15:4

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit**

*"So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord."* [1:6]

*"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* GAL 5:22-23

**4) \_\_\_\_\_ by change**

*"As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece – throughout both Macedonia and Achaia...how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God."* [1:7, 9]

*"This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace."* COL 1:6

**5) \_\_\_\_\_ with others**

*"And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God."* [1:8]

*"My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."* ACTS 20:24

**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS...**

***"Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine."***

**2 COR 13:5**