

I Thessalonians

Summary



Faith, Love, & Hope

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul's praise for the Thessalonians' faith & response to the gospel

- your **work** **produced** by **faith**,
- your **labor** **prompted** by **love**,
- and your **endurance** **inspired** by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

- Chosen & loved by God - God initiates
- with words
- With power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction
- Modeled by the evangelists
- Welcome by the Thessalonians
 - Turn from idols
 - To serve God

Love

1 Thessalonians 2 - 3

Paul disputed his critics' accusations of wrong motives and abandonment by reminding them of his character & motives in evangelism and his love and affection for the Thessalonians.

Love

1 Thessalonians 2 - 3

Missionaries' labor prompted by love

- Purity of **motives**, not greed
- Seeking to **please God not men**
- Love vs. authority
 - Caring as a **nursing mother**
 - hard working as a **father** - encouraging, comforting, urging to **live lives worthy of God**

Love

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Encouragement to love God and Man

- Instruction to live to please God more & more
- How to live sanctified lives
 - Avoid sexual immorality
 - Control the body
 - Love, not wronging others
 - not taking advantage of others
 - God will punish
 - Calling to live a holy life

Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Dead or alive we may live together with Christ

- Education about death and grief
- Order of events
 - Universal grand return
 - Christian dead first
 - Rapture
 - With Christ forever

Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

- Timing of Event
 - unexpected like a thief
 - severe destructions
 - painful and progressive like labor pain
 - no one can escape

Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

- Believers' Response
 - Not surprised
 - As children of light be sober minded
 - Put on **faith** and **love** as a breastplate, and the **hope** of salvation as a helmet
 - Remember God's intent for us
 - Not suffer wrath but to receive salvation
 - live with him awake or asleep
 - encourage & build up each other

Hope

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Relationships that would help us live in light of Christ's Return

- Relationship with leaders
 - **acknowledge** their hard work, care, and teaching
 - **honor** them
 - **live** in peace
- Relationship with one another
 - Care according to needs (warn the idle/disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak)
 - Be patient & do good to everyone without revenge

Hope

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

- Personal Devotion
 - Rejoice
 - pray
 - give thanks
- Handling the truth
 - Do not quench the Spirit
 - Handle prophecies - test, hold on to good, reject evil

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1. How has studying I Thessalonians changed you?
2. How your faith, love, and hope can translate into action?

