

We continue in our series in the 1 Thessalonians. We are currently in Chapter 3. Just a little review... The letter to the Thessalonica Church was probably the earliest of all writings.

Written at about 49-51 A.D.

The Apostle Paul visited Thessalonica after his visit to Philip on his second missionary journey, where he and Silas were persecuted and thrown into Jail. Acts 16



What we know of Thessalonians so far is that they were also a community of believers that suffered persecution, yet they endured. They

were so successful in their walk; they became examples to others around them.

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Whether some of you know this or not, some your greatest days with Christ are when you are at your weakest state.

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(10) night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

A) Contrary to what people believe, faith is not a simple belief but rather a way of life. “Perfect what is lacking in your faith?” You are here today because I am perfecting in your life what is lacking. There are roots and foundations that need to be laid and loose ends that need to be tied.

1. Not having Roots is dangerous.

Matthew 13:20-21 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; (21) yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.



2. Not building your faith on a strong foundation is problems.

Luke 6:46-48 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? (47) Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: (48) He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat

vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.



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(11) Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. (12) And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, (13) so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Colossians 1:21-23 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked

works, yet now He has reconciled (22) in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— (23) if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Ephesians 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Philippians 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, (10) that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.

In conclusion,

So, it is the prayer of all leaders in Christ's Church. That on that day when Christ returns you will stand with Him, complete and saved. Meanwhile we will be cheering, pushing, and rooting for you and your salvation until you cross that finish line. We trust God who tells us, Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

And again,

Jude 1:24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, (25) To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.