



QUESTION 1

What does Paul say of the faith of this church and the effect it is having? Do you see this type of effect happening at your church? Talk about some of the ways you see God at work in your life and at your church?

QUESTION 2

What are some of the things that you think faith should be prompting us to do? Are there things in your life right now that you only do because of your faith in Jesus?

QUESTION 3

If you had to describe what faith at work in a believers' life should look like - what would you say? Where do those definitions come from? Are they biblically based? Are those descriptions something you see at work in your life?

QUESTION 4

How do the words of Jesus shape your life? Is your life shaped more by human achievement than your pursuit of spiritual growth? What are we doing that is eternal and spiritual in terms of achievement?

PAUL'S PRAYER

Meditating on the previous declarations concerning the revelation of the Lord Jesus and the final judgment, Paul makes known his concerns for the Thessalonian church in this first prayer of the letter: *With this in mind, we constantly pray for you.* The language of the prayer is quite similar to that of 1 Thessalonians 1:2. His prayers for the church, as well as his offerings of thanks to God, were not sporadic or occasional but rather constant and faithful (cf. 1:3; Col. 1:3, 9). His investment in prayer for this church was robust and rigorous. Since the final judgment would be so severe and the revelation of the Lord so glorious, the apostle prays in the first place *that our God may count you worthy of His calling.*

WORD STUDY

Verse 11 - 'call' is *klesis* in the Greek. 11 occurrences; translates as "calling" 10 times, and "vocation" once. 1 a calling, calling to. 2 a call, invitation. 2a to a feast. 2b of the divine invitation to embrace salvation of God.

Prayer Requests
