

# A Church Worth Bragging About

2 Thess. 1:1-4 • July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

**2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3** We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

**4** Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

## Thanksgiving (v. 3)

1. Growing faith
2. Increasing love

**Q:** *how often do you thank God for what he's doing in the people at your church?*

## Boasting (v. 4)

1. Steadfastness
2. Faith(fulness)

**Q:** *what makes a local church "boastworthy?"*

## Big Question:

how does a church get here? (v. 1-2)