

1 Thessalonians: *A Beacon of Hope*

Part Two - 1 Thessalonians 2:13-5:28

“Working Out Our Faith”

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- Faith is faith
 - Faith is only as good as the object in which it is placed
 - Justification is faith in the object of a person, Jesus Christ
 - Sanctification is faith in the object of a person, Jesus Christ, but, the more we know Him, the more we exercise faith in Him
- 2:13—GK Word *logos*
 - “...which also performs its work in you who believe”
 - John 15:4-5 “^[4] “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ^[5] “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”
 - Psalm 18:31 “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?”
- 3:1-13
 - The people press on, encouraging Paul
 - He encourages them, by affirming them
- We need the same...You are doing a great job!
- Paul wants to complete what is lacking in their faith, that is, to come alongside them and help them walk in faith
- 4:1-5
 - Walk=Conduct
 - Galatians 5:16— “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”
 - Living by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Faith is not the only ingredient to living a sanctified life in Christ
 - Discipleship is crucial to developing into a Christ-like life
- 5:16-19
 - Paul writes this word “rejoice” 8 times in 6 different verses
 - “Rejoice” means “to be glad”
 - Pray without ceasing is a heart issue...constant, intimate conversation
 - In everything give thanks is to acknowledge the Lord’s hand in every aspect of life and humbly returning thanks in everything
- Are you in the Word?
- Are you allowing it to be authoritative?
- Are you rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks?
 - This is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus