

1 Thessalonians 1:1-1:10 Bible Study
The power of the Gospel

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.””

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/rom.1.16-17.ESV>

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV

“For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.”

Galatians 5:5-6 ESV <https://bible.com/bible/59/gal.5.5-6.ESV>

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

James 2:14-18 ESV <https://bible.com/bible/59/jas.2.14-18.ESV>

The progression of the Gospel in the life of the believer.

1. It comes to you
2. It's works in you
3. It's sounds forth from you

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/gal.5.22-23.ESV>

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Acts 1:8 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/act.1.8.ESV>

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.””

John 13:34-35 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jhn.13.34-35.ESV>

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1 – Summary

Paul opens his letter by thanking God for the believers in Thessalonica. He celebrates their faith in Christ, their love for one another, and their steady hope in Jesus' return. These qualities showed that their faith was genuine and active, not just words.

The gospel came to them not only in speech, but in power through the Holy Spirit, bringing deep conviction and real transformation. Even in the midst of persecution, they received the word with joy and remained faithful.

Their changed lives became a powerful testimony. People everywhere heard how they turned from idols to serve the living and true God and now lived with hope, waiting for Jesus to return. Chapter 1 presents the Thessalonian church as a model of what a healthy, Spirit-filled church

looks like—rooted in faith, marked by love, and anchored in hope.

Big Takeaway

A healthy church is not measured by size or success, but by faith that works, love that serves, and hope that endures—all empowered by the Holy Spirit and anchored in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's return.