

1 Thess 1:1-6 "Living By Faith"

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1. Introduction

a. "I believe God..."

- God's long & fruitful ministry
- all spiritual work begins & continues by faith

b. Paul remembers Thessalonians

- church of faith - patience of hope
- labor of love

c. Origin of church

- Acts 17
- * Paul goes into Jewish synagogue
- * Paul accused of turning world upside down
- 1 Thess 1:6 followers of Paul
- * followers of the Lord
- Thessalonian Christians examples in all of Greece - 1 Thess 1:7

d. Three characteristics

2. Working Faith

a. Faith is trust in God

b. Heb 11:1, 6 faith

- substance of things hoped for
- evidence of things not seen
- believe that God lives
- believe God rewarder of those diligently seeking Him

c. God does not always show you what comes later

d. Faith serves God

- Heb 13:6 Lord is My Helper
- James 2:18 show faith by works

e. Faith moves God

- Heb 11:6 without faith impossible to please God

3. Laboring Faith

a. Labor in love

- sustainable love
- * love that lasts long time
- * love that keeps working
- loving the Lord in all actions
- Keep your first love - Rev. 2:3-4

- 3b. Labor for ^{loving} others, kind hearted
- Rev 2:4 Ephesians left their 1st love
 - 2 Pet 1:6 forgetful to add to growth?
Christian short sighted even to blindness
 - Jn 9:4 night is coming when no one can work

- c. Labor with God
- 1 Cor 3:9 co-laborers with God

4. Patient Faith

a. Patience in hope

b. Selah - word often used in Psalms

c. to wait for God's Son from heaven

- hope for Jesus coming again
- church has patiently waited for Jesus for 2000 years

d. Expecting in hope

- Jews waiting for Messiah

- ~~Isaiah's Tolerance Path~~

- 1 Thess 1:10 Christian patiently waiting for God's Son from heaven
 - * God raised Jesus from the dead
 - * Jesus delivered Christians from the coming wrath of God