

Finish: Faith, Hope and Love Will Light the Way!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Passage Summary: As the church presses on toward the return of Christ, it is essential to realize that we can be used by God to make a ______ of ______!

<u>180 Degree Truth #1</u>: See that the church that is used by God to make a world of difference is the church that is ______ in the ______ of Christ! (1:1-3)

<u>Application</u>: Recognize that when it comes to the church that is established in the gospel of Christ, it is characterized by...

• _____ produced by _____! (v.3)

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." **1 Corinthians 15:58**

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11:6

<u>Remember</u>: When it comes to work produced by faith, our _______to work will not always remain ______, for as Jesus said in the gospels,

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." ______ prompted by ______! (v.3)

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:6-8**

 Remember:
 When it comes to labor prompted by love, without this

 connection, we are vulnerable to ________ and _____; for as Paul said to the Corinthians,

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

• _____ inspired by ______ in our Lord Jesus Christ! (v.3)

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-." **1 Peter 1:3-4**

<u>Remember</u>: When it comes to endurance inspired by hope, it is rooted and grounded in the ______ of _____ God has offered us in Christ; or in the words of Paul to the Colossians, it is,

> "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to be a _____

threat servant in your ministry of the ______; like the Thessalonians, like Paul, let God make a world of difference through you as that same world observes...

"...your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3