

12. Silvanus (v. 1) is the Roman equivalent to what Jewish name?
13. What is the first reason why Paul could boast of the church at Thessalonica?
14. A Christian is someone who is in Jesus and what?
15. Are there any other religions who use the same description as Christianity does of being “in Christ”?
16. We are actually joined to Christ by what?
17. How many times does Paul use the phrase, “in Christ” to describe us as believers?
18. We are blessed with every spiritual blessings by virtue of what?
19. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, if anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is a what?
20. Paul was confident that the people in the church at Thessalonica were what?
21. Why does Paul use the word, “in” only once in verse 1?
22. “Grace and Peace” encompass all of God’s answers for what?
23. What word describes God’s favor to the sinner?
24. What is the result of God’s grace?
25. God multiplies grace for our what?
26. God multiplies peace for our what?
27. God also multiplies peace in the midst of what?
28. Who does grace and peace come from?
29. The first thing Paul thanks God for was what?
30. What was the second specific quality that made this church at Thessalonica great?
31. We are what we are by what?
32. What was the third specific quality that made this church at Thessalonica such a great church?
33. Are you guilty of repenting of your sin, receiving Christ by faith, then not taking seriously the need to aggressively grow in faith?
34. The church at Thessalonica wanted to grow in their knowledge of what?
35. They wanted to grow into a deeper intimacy with whom?
36. Do You?
37. What was the fourth quality that made this church at Thessalonica such a great church?
38. Are you one who grows exceedingly in your faith by learning the Word of God but have no thought for serving and ministering to others in the body of Christ?
39. Or, are you one who is very devoted to being loving but you don’t grow in your faith by learning the Word of God and God’s truth?
40. What is the fifth quality that made the church in Thessalonica such a great church?

41. What does persecution destroy?

42. Persecution produces what?

43. Faith grows under what?

44. Paul says that these believers had the eternal perspective that all of their suffering was evidence that God was what?

45. Suffering is one of God's primary tools to refine us for what?

46. What does the phrase, "that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God..." mean?

47. God refines and brings out the genuineness of our faith through what?

48. What is the important issue about the people who make up the church?

49. Are you saved? Are you truly and genuinely in Christ? Are you joined to Him by faith?

50. Are you humble in your perspective in that you recognize that any good in you is due to the grace of God?

51. Are you growing in your faith? Is your love increasing?

52. Are you persevering? Do you have an eternal perspective?

For Next Time: 1) Read 2 Thessalonians through one time; 2) Read chapter 1 each day this week; 3) Consider What the various forms of idolatry are in existence today; 4) What are the different ways people view Jesus Christ in our society today?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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A CHURCH OF WHICH TO BOAST

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (Series#2)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on "A Church of Which To Boast". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are many churches characterized by?

2. The church in Thessalonica was what kind of church?

3. Paul founded the church in Thessalonica on which missionary journey?

4. Paul and Silas came to town and what followed?

5. Who did Paul send back to Thessalonica to check on the believers?

6. What kind of report did Timothy bring back to Paul?

7. When Paul came in contact with other churches what did he do in relation to the church at Thessalonica?

8. What things DID NOT cause Paul to boast about the church in Thessalonica?

9. What was it that Paul boasted about in reference to the church in Thesslonica?

10. The norm for promoting church growth today is what issue?

11. Is the Holy Spirit concerned about numbers?