

Genuine Faith 1 Thessalonians 1

See Acts 9 for Paul's transformational encounter with Jesus

See Acts 15-18 for Paul's second missionary journey, including their beating in Philippi (C.16:16-24) and their time in Thessalonica (17:1-10)

eschatology = the study of God's plans for the final destiny of the human race, the earth, and the universe

In their first weeks of faith, Paul taught the new Thessalonian believers _____.

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. - John 13:3-4

"A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." - John 14:19-20

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three...
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

3 CHARACTERISTICS OF GENUINE FAITH:

1) The "work of faith" = placing your faith in Jesus as your _____ and _____

"What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." - John 6:28-29

2) The "labor of love" = _____
serving the Lord with your _____

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." - Luke 9:23

Contrast the Thessalonian believers with the lukewarm believers of the Laodicean Church in Revelation 3:14-22

3) The "patience of hope" = finding hope and joy by _____ and _____ for the return of Jesus.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you..." - John 15:16

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him..." - John 6:44

...(God is) not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. - John 3:19

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

Election = The Lord _____ those He knows
will _____ Him.