

GIVING THANKS FOR THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS

I. Paul's _____ Expressed (1:3-4)

A. Their Faith In Christ Was _____ (1:3a)

1. Their growing faith was *expressed* by Paul's heartfelt _____ to praise God in thanksgiving for these believers. (1:3a)... "We are _____."

2. This *obligation* was expressed via his _____ to God for them!

- Why was this thanksgiving offered?

a. Paul stated their faith in Christ was _____!

- What does it take to grow spiritually in our faith?

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- How does this transformation take place?

B. Their _____ For Others Was _____ (1:3b)

1. Paul's statement of their love encompassed every believer _____, as well as all the believers _____.

2. This *concept* should be emphasized in every _____ .

Philippians 1:27

- Does it really matter about our testimony before others?
- As Ambassadors for Christ, how we live either _____ the truth of the gospel to others, or it _____ them—but you are directly involved & _____ to God for your part in this!
- What does it mean to “*stand fast together*”?
 - a. *Stand fast in one* _____
 - b. *Stand fast with one* _____

Application:

3. Because of sound _____ & personal _____ of the Word to life, their *love* began to _____. (1:3b)

- Is this what the word of God emphasizes & teaches?
- How do we manifest this practically here at GGBC?