

Message Notes

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Current Series: A 5-Star Church

Message Title: Great People

1 Thessalonians 1:1-4 - *Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you.*

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2. _____ **that** _____

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Thessalonians 1:1-4

1. When you think about a great church, what churches come to mind? Why? What qualities, before today, would you have based your commendation on?
2. When you think about the church, are you more inclined to think of it as a place, a group of people, or as a group of individuals spread throughout the world? In what ways does your mindset, about who the church is and what it does, impact your thoughts about the church?
3. As we saw in this message, the church at Thessalonica manifested faith, love, and hope. Why are these three virtues of paramount importance in a church? Consider each one of these virtues at length as they first related to the church at Thessalonica and then today as they relate to us.
4. If we as a group of Christ-followers are to manifest greater amounts of faith, love, and hope, what would that mean? First as Christ-followers who gather together, and then as individuals who scatter throughout the world?
5. Can you say you have put on faith, love, and hope? What can you point to that would confirm your conclusion? For you to see greater amounts of faith, love, and hope in your life in the year to come, what must you do?
6. If someone were to look at your life would they know that God loves you and has chosen you as one of His children? Can someone have assurance of their salvation without manifesting the fruit of faith, love, and hope? What should one do if they lack these qualities in their life?