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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

10-151-53 GROWING FAITH AND INCREASING LOVE (RSV)

:00-8:40 Overview of the contextual and historical fabric of the Thessalonian church.

8:40 2 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Teaching.

13:30 2 Thessalonians 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Teaching. Grace is the source; peace is the result. Reference Romans 5:1. Peace with God (vertical). Peace with others (horizontal). Reference 1 John 4:20. Can't have love for God if you hate your brother. God joined the vertical and the horizontal, Reference Matthew 22:37-40.

16:20 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Paul was always "giving thanks" Teaching. Reference 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3. Reference Colossians 1:3-4. Reference Philippians 1:3-5 Teaching – faith was growing abundantly. Reference 1 Thessalonians 2:13 "you received the word of God for what it is". Teaching – contrasted with Reference Hebrews 4:2 Teaching – the benefits of the word is linked to the faith of the hearers...

21:25 Romans 10:13-17 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.....Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

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24:10 1 Thessalonians 1:9 Paul knew their faith was real because he could observe how they turned from idols to worship the living and true God. Conversion is not only a one time acceptance but a continual process. Reference 1 Thessalonians 1:3 ...”your work of faith”.... Reference James 2:17. A faith that doesn’t do anything is not a faith at all.

27:20 2 Thessalonians 1:3and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Teaching. Reference 1 Thessalonians 3:12 Paul prays for them to increase and abound in love. Reference 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 Paul encourages even more love.

31:15 2 Thessalonians 1:4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring. Teaching – Glorifying in the Lord Reference Jeremiah 9:23-24. Paul was led to boast of the manifestation of God in the Thessalonians. Reference Matthew 5:16.

35:40 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Even though the Thessalonians were terribly afflicted and in extreme poverty they reached out to others in abundance and joy. Reference 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

41:10 1 Thessalonians 1:8 Paul expresses that the faith of those in Macedonia has gone forth.

2Th. 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th. 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1John 4:20 If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Matt. 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

2Th. 1:3 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

1Th. 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints,

Phil. 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

1Th. 2:13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Heb. 4:2 For good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers.

Rom. 10:13 For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Rom. 10:14 But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? 15 And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

1Th. 1:9 For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

1Th. 1:3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

2Th. 1:3 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

1Th. 3:12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you,

1Th. 4:9 But concerning love of the brethren you have no need to have any one write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do love all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more and more,

2Th. 1:4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring.

Jer. 9:23 Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; 24 but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the LORD.”

Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

2Cor. 8:1 We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — 5 and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

2Cor. 9:1 Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the offering for the saints, 2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. 3 But I am sending the brethren so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; 4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we be humiliated — to say nothing of you — for being so confident. 5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren to go on to you before me, and arrange in advance for this gift you have promised, so that it may be ready not as an exaction but as a willing gift.

1Th. 1:8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.