



Reasons for the Writing

7. Addressing the Lord's Coming
(4:13-5:11)
8. Addressing tension in the flock
(5:12-15)
9. Dealing with basic Christian living
(5:16-22)



Faith, Hope, Love

- 1 Thess 1:2-3
- 2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We 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.**



Evidence of the Gospel

- 1 Thess 1:4-5
- 4 For we know, **brothers loved by God**, that he has **chosen you**, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with **words**, but also with **power**, with the **Holy Spirit** and with **deep conviction**. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

- 1 Thess 1:6-7
- 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.



A Powerful Testimony

■ 1 Thess 1:8-10

■ 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — **your faith in God has become known everywhere.**

Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,