



Digital Bulletin

1 Thessalonians 1 | Patience of Hope | 10.5.25

Big Idea: Bible information apart from application falls short of GOD's plan. Ask GOD to help you "see" His Word as intended - a divine resource to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ, and so much more. The Holy Spirit desires to help you experience the life-enhancing promises of Scripture. Be careful, a sincere study of God's Word will challenge every area of your life, and that would be the best thing that could ever happen to you.

- As followers of Christ, we are called to pursue **truth**, for that is the only way to be aware of deception.
- We are not only expected to *know* error, we are to **expose** it.

Ephesians 5:9-11 *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, (don't aid the enemy) but **rather expose them**.*

1. Our position outside of Christ is identified as darkness.
2. "but now" speaks about how something radical happened!
3. We have the light of the Lord, insight into what life is truly about. ... we are to act like it! **Walk** in a way that affirms it!

John 3:18-21 *"He who believes in Him (Christ) is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 *Paul, Silvanus, (AKA – Silas) and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, ³remembering without ceasing your **work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father*

- If you are to persevere in the work of faith and labor of love, then you must have patience of hope.
- True love is love that is based and built upon **truth**.
- Love for Christ is our highest motivation to love others!

1 Corinthians 16:22 *If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!*

Labor of love includes, but is not limited to....

1. Serving others in various ways.
2. Expressing kindness and humility.
3. Forgiving those who sin against you.

- The Bible doesn't ignore that "working out our faith" and "laboring in love" can be difficult and discouraging; that's why we have passages that teach **"patience of hope"**
- Scripture uses "hope" as assurance, strong confidence.

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- It's easy to hear divine truth without allowing it to **transform** us.
- Who is my source of hope? **Lord Jesus Christ**
- Who is observing how I work out my faith, labor in love, and express hope?

GOD the Father

→ Our daily **decisions** reveal how well GOD's truths impact us.

"Millions call themselves by His name, it is true, and pay some token of respect to Him, but a simple test will show how little He is really honored among them. Let the average man be put to the proof on the question of who or what is above, and his true choice between God and money, between God and man, between God and personal ambition, God and self, God and human love, and God will take second place every time. However much the man may protest, the proof is in the choices he makes day after day throughout his life." -- A.W. Tozer

- Since Christ was crucified, buried, and rose again on the 3rd day, we live forever. There is a judgment, therefore the Lord's church is of **supreme** value, and we need to get it right!

"Father, I want to know Thee, but my cowardly heart fears to give up its toys. I cannot part with them without inward bleeding, and I do not try to hide from Thee the terror of the parting. I come trembling, but I do come. Please root from my heart all those things which I have cherished so long and which have become a very part of my living self, so that Thou mayest enter and dwell there without a rival. --A.W. Tozer

Romans 15:4 *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

Treasure Hunting - in Christ we find treasures hid for us, not from us. Colossians 2:3

1. Review the Study Guide and prayerfully read the passages.
2. Think on the two A.W. Tozer prayers. Write out your thoughts about them.
3. What makes the church of supreme value?
4. What are the ways you see how you work out your faith, labor in love, and demonstrate patience in Christ?

Foundations, Quarter 17 begins 10.12.25 - Eschatology, Prophecy

Lesson 1 – *Israel in Prophecy* (combined classes in Worship Center with Pastor Jerry)

