The Christian and the Work of Faith 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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A. The Fundamental Virtues in the Christian Life

Faith: Ephesians 2:8-9
 Love: Romans 5:1-5
 Hope: 1 Peter 1:3

B. Relational Virtues (Toward God, People, Christ)

1. Faith: toward God

Love: toward God and people
 Hope: toward the Lord Jesus

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C. Active Virtues (Evidence of New Birth, First Love)

1. Work of Faith: 1 Thess. 1:2-3

- Obedience to God's commandments John 14:15, John 14:21, 2 John 6

a. Spreading the Word of God: the work of the Gospel 1 Thess. 1:8, Matt. 28:18-20

b. Pursuing Christ-like holiness: the work of loving 1 Thess. 4:1-7, 1 Peter 1:14-16

c. Loving Christ's people: the work of loving 1 Thess. 4:9-10

- Embracing God's promises 2 Cor. 5:6-7, 2 Cor. 1:18-20

a. Salvation: 2 Peter 1:3-5

b. Power: 2 Corinthians 12:9

c. Rest: Matthew 11:28-30

d. Companionship: Matthew 28:18-20