# "A Church to be Proud of" 2 Thess. 1:1-5 Part 4

Intro: A church to thank God for

1 Cor. 1:4; Phil. 1:3-5; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:2

• 5 realities of a church to be proud of vs. 1-5

### 1) A Redeemed people vs. 1b-2

Eph. 1:7-8; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; Col. 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:22-23 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Cor. 5:17; Romans 6:1-11; 8:1-2 Romans 8:9-12, 16; Col. 1:9-10, 23, 27 Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:7, 19; 3:3-4; 1 John 5:20

### • Examine yourself 2 Cor. 13:5

1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:5; James 4:4 John 14:23; 15:4; 1 Thess. 1:5; 2:13

## 2) An Increasing faith vs. 3

Romans 1:8; 8:12; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:2-3; 3:6, 9-10 Proverbs 4:18; Romans 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 16:13 Col. 1:23; Proverbs 3:5-7; Psalm 37:3, 5

# 3) A Growing love vs. 3

1 Thess. 1:2-3; 3:6, 12; 4:9-10; Phil. 1:9 2 Cor. 4:15; Romans 5:5; 1 John 2:9-10; 3:14-18 Gal. 5:13; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; John 13:34-35; 15:9-10

#### Agape—love

By choice—with passion—to act on behalf of someone else towards God's best for them.

#### Close

1 Peter 1:22; 2:17; 4:8

- 4) A Preserving hope vs. 4
- 5) A Kingdom attitude vs. 5