### "A Church to be Proud of" 2 Thess. 1:1-5 Part 7

### 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

### 4) A Persevering hope vs. 4

1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2:14; 3:2-5, 11-13; 4:13; 5:8-9 2 Thess. 2:16-17; 3:5; Psalm 130:1-8; Lam. 3:19-26 Luke 12:36-37; Romans 5:3-5; 8:24-25; 1 John 3:2-3 Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10; Heb. 11:13-16

## • perseverance—A patient, courageous, pressing on in difficult circumstances.

2 Cor. 6:4; Heb. 10:36; 12:1 James 1:2-3; Romans 12:12

# • faithfulness—A strong conviction and commitment to follow through.

Romans 3:3; Gal. 5:22; Heb. 11:24-29 Titus 2:10; Matt. 23:23-28

- persecutions—*To pursue with repeated acts of enmity.* Matt. 5:10-12; 44; 13:21 Romans 12:14; 2 Tim. 3:12-17
- afflictions—To crush-press-squeeze-cause distress cause tribulations.

Romans 5:3; Mark 13:19 Psalm 119:143; 2 Thess. 1:6

# • endure—To continually persist and hold back from falling.

1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Tim. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 11:1 2 Cor. 4:17-18; John 16:13; Acts 14:22

### Close: Give thanks to God

1 Thess. 1:3; 2 Thess. 1:3-4; Psalm 79:13; 118:21

#### 5) A Kingdom attitude vs. 5