

Finding Out About Your Faith  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Part 4

- What do we find out about your faith?

III. Good News vs. 6-8

a) Continued maturing of faith and love vs. 6a

1 Thess. 1:3; 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:3; Rev. 2:19  
Gal. 5:22; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:22; 2 Cor. 5:7  
Psalm 5:11; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Thess. 4:9-10  
1 Peter 1:8; Romans 8:28; Gal. 5:13; Psalm 119:140

b) Strong affection for fellowship vs. 6b

1 John 1:3, 7; Heb. 10:24-25; Romans 12:9-13; Phil. 1:3-8

c) Living for Christ that brings comfort vs. 7

1 Thess. 3:2; 2 John 4; 3 John 3-5; 2 Cor. 7:8-13

d) Standing firm in the Lord vs. 8

2 Thess. 2:13-15; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13  
Gal. 5:1; Eph. 6:10-19

IV. A Pastoral Prayer vs. 9-13

Romans 1:8-10; Eph. 3:14-21; 6:18-20; Phil. 1:3-6  
1 Thess. 1:2-3; 3:9-13; 5:23-24; 2 Thess. 2:16-17; 3:16  
Col. 1:3-4, 9-10; 4:2-3

- Aspects of a Pastoral Prayer

a) Rendering thanksgiving to God vs. 9a

1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2:19; 2 Thess. 1:3; Phil. 1:3; Col. 1:3  
Psalm 68:3; 1 Chronicles 16:8; Psalm 17:17; 56:9-13  
2 Cor. 2:14; 4:15; 9:10-12; Romans 1:8; 7:24-25

b) Rejoicing before God vs. 9b

Col. 2:5; Romans 12:12; John 3:29; Phil. 1:3-4

c) Seeking God for opportunities to join in God's work of perfecting faith vs. 10-11a

Col. 4:2-3; Acts 14:27; 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Thess. 3:5  
Eph. 4:12; Gal. 6:1; Luke 6:40; 1 Cor. 1:10  
Heb. 12:11-13; 13:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17

d) Asking the Lord that growing faith would be accompanied by prospering love vs. 12

2 Thess. 1:3; Phil. 1:9-10; Gal. 5:13-14  
1 John 2:5-6; 2 Peter 1:3-8

e) So that faith would be accompanied by a  
purifying hope vs. 13

1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; Romans 5:1-2; 8:17, 30;

1 John 3:1-3; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 1:13-19; 2 Cor. 5:10