



GROWING AND SHOWING YOUR FAITH

## A MODEL OF FAITH

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5

- I. Faith begins with GOD and what He's done for us in JESUS.**
  - A. The church exists only because God made a people for himself.
  - B. The God of the church is the God who revealed himself in Christ.
  - C. This triune God alone is the source of every good and perfect gift.
- II. Faith is a RELATIONSHIP that must be NURTURED to grow.**
  - A. Relationships grow only when we give time and attention to them.
  - B. God works in believers both to will and to do his good purposes.
  - C. Growing in love with God spills over into growing love for others.
- III. Faith that can be TRUSTED is faith that has been TESTED.**
  - A. Persecutions and trials are the means for increasing our faith.
  - B. A believers' faith in God is revealed by his faithfulness in life.
  - C. Conduct when dealing w/ difficulties speaks volumes to others.
- IV. Faith lifts us above present GRIEF to a future GLORY.**
  - A. God never wastes suffering – trials work for us, not against us.
  - B. Perseverance demonstrates that God is righteous in judgment.
  - C. Suffering is not worth comparing to the glory to be revealed.

**SUMMARY:** Faith is the key to a life of loving GOD and OTHERS.

What are you doing to grow in your faith?

***“We exist to glorify God  
by enabling all people  
to become fully-devoted followers  
of the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

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