



# hope and holiness

a study in  
1 Thessalonians

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Acts 17:1-15 and 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5.  
How would you describe Paul, Silas, and Timothy's relationship with the Thessalonians?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.
3. Paul is thankful for the hard work of the Thessalonian Christians, which is motivated by their faith, love, and hope. What are faith, love, and hope and how do they relate to the new identity Christians have in Christ?
4. What does verse 4 say about that new identity? Is that a difficult concept for you? Why?
5. How does the gospel bring faith/new understanding according to verse 5? What does this verse mean?
6. What is the joy of the Holy Spirit that motivated the Thessalonians to receive the gospel in much affliction (v 6)?
7. The Thessalonian Christians stood with Paul, Silas, and Timothy and received persecution from their families, friends, and neighbours. What motivates this kind of love/new affection for God's people?
8. They also lived their lives in such a way that they were examples and encouragements to Christians all over the world. How often do you think about and pray for other Christians in Toronto and the world that you don't know? What does it mean to love them? How can your life be an encouragement to them?
9. What does verse 10 mean when it says Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come?
10. What does it look like to wait for the Son of God from heaven? What does this have to do with hope/new perspective?
11. How does your new identity, new understanding, new affections, and new perspective give you purpose in how you work hard in your life? How does it help you when life is busy? How does it help you when you feel stuck and unable to do things?