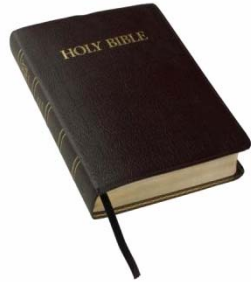


The Thessalonian Believers

1 Thess. (1:3-10)



First Thessalonians

- first epistle of Paul
- written in A.D. 50



9 Good qualities of the Thessalonian Church (The Model Church)



1. Lifestyle of faith (v. 3)
2. Labor of Love (v. 3)
3. Patience inspired by hope (v. 3)



The most excellent way to exercise spiritual gifts is through love (1Cor. 13:13)



4. Became imitators of Paul and Jesus Christ (v.6)
5. They heard the message and followed it whole heartedly (v.6)

6. Became a model to all believers in Greece (v.7)

7. They spread the gospel (v.8)



8. They turned away from idol worship to the true God (v.9)

9. They looked for the return of Christ (v. 10)

Comparison of Corinthian and Thessalonian believers

Corinth

- 1. Lacking in faith, hope, and love
- 2. Factions
- 3. Carnality
- 4. Law suits



Thessalonian

- 1. Practiced faith, hope, and love
- 2. No faction
- 3. No carnality
- 4. No law suits



Practice faith, love, and hope in your life.