



The Great Works of Christ at GBC

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10



Jesus still performs great works through His churches

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 - Message

Paul wrote:

- to encourage that young church to persevere
- to correct some moral and theological errors
- to correct false allegations against him

Purpose of 1 Thessalonians





“Faith works,
love labours and
hope endures”

John Stott, *1 & 2 Thessalonians*,
p. 30

This faith, love and hope is “a brief definition of true Christianity”

John Calvin, *Romans & Thessalonians*, p. 335





1. We joyfully remember how faith, love and hope are active among us

(1 Thess 1:2-3)

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2. We humbly remember how our God loves us and has chosen us to eternal life

(1 Thess 1:4)

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3. We remember how the Gospel came to each of us who now believes

(1 Thess 1:5)

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4. We continually strive to keep the Gospel of Jesus Christ central in our church by our commitment to expository preaching

(1 Thess 1:5; 2:13; Heb 4:12)

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5. We receive His word in affliction and in joy and thus serve as examples to others in the midst of their own struggles

(1 Thess 1:6-7)

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6. From the beginning, GBC has been devoted to supporting missions

(1 Thess 1:8)

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7. Our allegiance turned
(repentance) from idols to the
only living and true God

(1 Thess 1:9)

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8. We sing from the mind and the heart—whether in **sober contemplation** of our sin and Jesus’ sacrifice, **joyful exultation** over His resurrection, or **eager anticipation** of His return!

(1 Thess 1:10)

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Application

1 Thess 3:11-4:1

Pray that:

- ❖ Jesus will cause us to increase and abound in love for one another and for the lost
- ❖ He would increase our holiness since He will be returning for us
- ❖ We would excel still more to walk in ways that please God

