

Were certain, sure of what they believed....

Some of you see saw around like a jelly fish..well this is all right every body does it... It is either right or wrong.. Some Xtians float around in questionable ammusments an try to justify it with some soft aliby.. Some man said getting married was like a cafeteria, you look it over and pick out what you want & pay for it later. Sin is no different, you indulge in it now & pay for it late

Peter said" Ther is Sal. in no other"

Martin Luther said"We are justified by Faith" & stuck by his conviction

John Knox I believe in X an rescued Scotland from unbelief.

Jane Welch-Daughter of John Knox, when they offered her husband his freedom if he would deny his belief.."I would rather have his head brought to me ona a platter then for him to deny the things he has taught and believed."

3. By Their Works.

Sounded forth the Gospel in that city & all around
The sublimest business on earth- to carrey the Gospel

This was not a hospital of inactive people---
But Barrack full of active, aggressive Soldiers for God.

If Christ Loved his church enough to die for it--
Surely you should love it enough to live for it--

Their testimony did not stop in that city but spread--

David Brainerd, Miss. to Indians, weak rheumatism, waiting in his tent for death, was found kneeling on the floor to feeble to sit in chair, teaching little Indian girl her A B C's.. men said what this great Miss. teaching a little Indian girl? He said happy I will be if with my last breath I am permitted to teach this little Indian girl her A B.C's in order to point her to the X"

*This story - quote to me. oh that our church
Preserved - our church could measure up to
this one -
So. Norfolk - Jan 23, 1956
30. Norfolk - June 13, 1948*

For a background of this great book let us use a few moments to glanse at some history.

Paul preached here on his second Miss. journey.

Acts. 17 gives complete account of the organization of the church at Thessalonica..v2. Reasoned Three sabbath days concerning Christ & many believed .

v 6 Mob tries to create disturbance, enter Ja-son's home carry them to court, make them put up bond "These have turned the world up side down."

They talk about another King..

Paul, Silas, Timothy has to leave town.. but the group of Xtians carried on.

The book reveals the condition at Thess. on a whole it is good taking into account the fact that most of the members been out of Heathenism only a few months when this letter was written. There was some question about those who had died before the return of X. which Paul ans. in a latter chap.

Writting to Converts- Jews and Gentiles members of the Thess. Church.

Briefly search through chapter one....

v.1- Salutes the church in the name of all three who had helped in the organization.

v.2- Pray for you daily,
Need this in our churches today.

v.3- Remember the three graces you posess

1. Work of Faith--"Regular routine work"
Faith rest on the past

2.Labour of Love--"Which comes out of suffering,difficult ies."
Love acts in the present.

3.Patience of Hope-- Stronger-in Christ.
Hope looks to the future.

All three grow out of our relationship with Christ Paul bears down on this trio,time &time again- Note 1 Cor. 13;13 Paul says though you give money to the poor, speak like angels, or prophets & have not these

- v.4- Your election is in God- Means to choose, God Elected before the foundation of the earth, unto Salvation, In Christ, All who would believe an repent.
- v.5- Paul said we endangered our lives, and the Gospel entered in power through the H.S.S.
- v.6- You became followers of Christ in troublous days-much affliction.
- v.7- Examples to all- Universal recognition of their faith.
- v.8- Trumpeted the Gospel around the world. Mac. & Achaia 2 Roman provinces into which major portion of ancient Greece was divided.
Trumpet means to sound, thunder, not whisper....
Actually the xtian merchants of Thess. traveling abroad has spread the word of life.
- v.9- Turned from idols to God.
- v.10- Looking for the return of the Son of God.

You now have a clear view of the whole chapter in general, I want in these last moments to concentrate upon the idea in verse 8. This church Trumpeted the word (Gospel)

I. THE TYPE OF MEMBERS IN THE CHURCH

1. Possessed Fundamental Virtues of Xtianity- v. 3
Faith--- Love--- Hope

2. Took Their Rel. Seriously.

- v.6. Put first things first- To live like Christ was their first interest.

xx Withstood all persecution... they were misstreated hunted like wild animals

3. Dependable.

Faithful in every storm.

The church does not try to ride two horses at once.
Unity, harmny

II. HOW THE CHURCH TRUMPETED THE GOSPEL

1. By Their Transformed lives

- v.9 You turned from your idols, & sin.
Nothing in all the world like a truly converted soul.

Best advertisement of Rel is a saved man living his Rel.

Evangelist tells, of great sinner in Tex. meeting. People said he would come once, curse preachers etc. There one night, many saved, Evang. on way home over heard 2 men in edge of woods praying for this sinner, next night he was there, Evang. preached on prodigal son, Man came forward- Put you on your honour, will X save me if I give up to him? on my Honour He will. But remember I am one of the worst out of hell- My Saviour died for the worst. Will he save me now? Yes.. Great sight only angels would repeat scene...

Great when men turn from sin & go out an live for X.

2. By Their Convictions.

These members knew what they believed..

Believed God & his word.