



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Good News About God's Church | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5
The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, July 15, 2020

When a church is grounded in its faith it will be fruitful in its work.

1. A Faith That Is Real (1:1-3a)

A. Real faith is connected

2 Thess. 1:1-2 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the **church of the Thessalonians** in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Real faith is grounded

2 Thess. 1:1-2 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians **in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. Real faith is growing

2 Thess. 1:3a We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is **growing abundantly**,

2. A Love That Grows Strong (1:3b)

2 Thess. 1:3b and the **love** of every one of you for one another is **increasing**.

3. A Hope That Goes Deep (1:4)

2 Thess. 1:4 Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your **steadfastness and faith** in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

4. A Future That Is Secure (1:5)

2 Thess. 1:5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered **worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which you are also suffering—