



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Living for Today, But Longing for Tomorrow | 1 Thess. 1:2-10
The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, April 22, 2020

The gospel will affect every area of our lives, including our passion for living today and our hope for what is coming tomorrow.

1. A Genuine Church

- a. Genuine Conversion Changes our Reputation
1 Thess. 1:4 For **we know**, brothers loved by God, that he has **chosen you**,
- b. Genuine Conversion Changes our Direction
1 Thess. 1:5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, **but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction**. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
- c. Genuine Conversion Changes our Affection
1 Thess. 1:9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how **you turned to God from idols to serve** the living and true God,
- d. Genuine Conversion Changes our Reflection
1 Thess. 1:10 and to **wait for his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

2. A Dynamic Church

- a. A Working Faith
1 Thess. 1:3 remembering before our God and Father **your work of faith** and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. A Laboring Love
1 Thess. 1:3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith **and labor of love** and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. An Enduring Hope
1 Thess. 1:3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and **steadfastness of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. A Contagious Church

a. Contagious in our Proclamation

1 Thess. 1:8 For not only has the **word of the Lord sounded forth from you** in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

b. Contagious in our Passion

1 Thess. 1:9 For **they themselves report** concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God