



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

You've Got to Love the Church | 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13¹

The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, May 13, 2020

*"For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you,
for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God?"*
1 Thessalonians 3:9

Theme: God's People Must Love God's Church

1. Love Fellowshiping Together (2:17-20).

- Fellowship **Eagerly** with One Another (2:17).
- Fellowship **Steadfastly** with One Another (2:18-20).

2. Love Sacrificing Together (3:1-2a).

- Sacrifice **Plans** for One Another (3:1).
- Sacrifice **Comforts** for One Another (3:2a).

3. Love Suffering Together (3:2b-8).

- **Strengthen** One Another (3:2b-5).
- **Encourage** One Another (3:6-8).

4. Love Praying Together (3:9-13).

- Pray **Gratefully** for One Another (3:9).
- Pray **Persistently** for One Another (3:10).
- Pray **Purposefully** for One Another (3:10b-13).
 - Grow in **Faith** (10b-11).
 - Grow in **Love** (12).
 - Grow in **Holiness** (13).

¹Derived from Mark Howell's *Christ-Centered Exposition: 1 & 2 Thessalonians*