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Those Archaeological Findings shore up the Biblical
Accounts – in the Book of Acts & in
1st and 2nd Thessalonians.

As we go over this Study – please, also refer back to our Acts
Study → Acts 17:1-10 → <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/315>

Let's stand as we read the 1st chapter of 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians

Greeting

Paul, Silvanus, and
Timothy,

To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 1

Their Good Example

² We give thanks to God
always for you all, making
mention of you in our
prayers,

³ remembering without
ceasing your work of faith,
labor of love, and patience
of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ in the sight of our
God and Father,

⁴ knowing, beloved
brethren, your election by
God.

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Paul's Team's Greetings

1 Thess. 1:1

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To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Silvanus = Silas

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1. The Foundation of the Church is

God's Grace = unmerited, unearnable favor

God's Grace is: God giving us what we do NOT deserve.

God's Peace is an a Gift as well – Peace with God,
the Peace of God, and the Peace from God

No longer is God our enemy, and no longer are we His
enemy – we are family – close relationship - PeaceFULL

1 Thess. 1:2-10

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, ³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ⁴ knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. ⁵ For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 1:2-10

2. Paul praises the Thessalonian Church as being an **EXAMPLE**
What the Church Should Be ...

That is what the Thessalonians were ... and **Example to all**

Work of Faith

Labor of Love

Patience in Hope

→ In Jesus Christ

They **Received** the Message that Paul preached
as the **Word of God** – with **FULL ASSURANCE** of Faith

They **Spread the Gospel** far and wide – they told of their
testimony of how they came to faith in Christ – including Paul's
team's Gospel effort, originally.

Turning from Idolatry to the Living and True God, in Christ.

1 Thess. 1:2-10

3. Sanctification – The Ideal Expected Growth of Christians

What the Church Should Be ...

The Thessalonian Believers in Christ were Growing ...

Work of Faith

Labor of Love

Patience in Hope

→ In Jesus Christ

It was **based upon** how they receive the **Gospel**, originally as Paul and his team Preached it – as the **WORD of God** ...

This has to be true – first – The Gospel Truth.

We know the result – they turned away from Idolatry ...

To Jesus Christ (all the Tri-unity of God is mentioned here) ...

The Living and True God. **SOLA SCRIPTURA**

1 Thess. 1:2-10

3. Sanctification – The Ideal Expected Growth of Christians What the Church Should Be ...

6 And you became followers of us **and** of the Lord, **having** received the Word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, **7 so that you became** examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

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They Followed Paul's Team (teaching and example) **AND**
The LORD (see verse 6). And so it is today – we must stick to Jesus Christ, His Word, and the Teachings of the Apostles, **that's ALL**.
Nothing beyond the Bible – that's what our sanctification is based upon.

1 Thess. 1:2-10

3. Sanctification – The Ideal Expected Growth of Christians
What the Church Should Be ...

The **expectation of Growing in Christ** – starts the moment a sinner is **Born Again**, in Christ, by the Holy Spirit, to the Glory of God the Father, according to the Word of God, **alone**.

The Thessalonian Believers in Christ were Growing ...

These are attributes of Maturity in Christ and should be **NORMAL**

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But many today are stuck as being Babies – older babies



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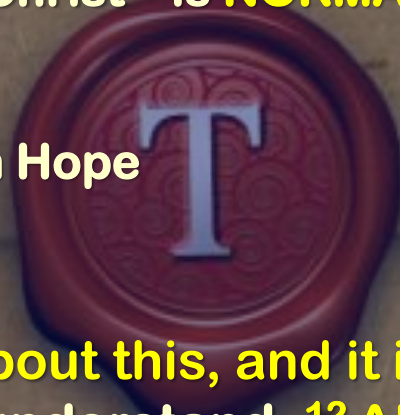
The expectation of Growing in Christ – is **NORMAL**

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Labor of Love

Patience (Perseverance) in Hope

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Hebrews 5:11-14

We have a great deal to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become too lazy to understand. ¹² Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God's revelation again. You need milk, not solid food. ¹³ Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil. (milk & pudding or MEAT?)

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2 Peter 1:5-9

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

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1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Ephesians 4:15 → but we are to hold to the truth with love in our hearts.
We are to **GROW UP** and be more like Christ. He is the leader of the church.

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The expectation of Growing in Christ – is **NORMAL**

Work of Faith → Energetically being faithful or
being Energized by Faith in Christ
→ The outflowing of doing Faith-Actions

Labor of Love → Toiling, Working very hard, Loving deeply ...
Like a construction worker - laboring

Patience (Perseverance) in/of Hope →
waiting expectantly, enduring patiently, persevering while
looking forward to being with Jesus Christ

These hint at and have connotations of being ACTIVE for Christ while Enduring
patiently in being Faithfully Obedient in Christ

We find out what they were doing → **Spreading the Gospel**

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How about us – Are we Actively Growing in Christ according
to His Holy Word, the Bible, alone, Today?

What is our Spiritual Temperature, today?