

An Explosion of Gratitude  
1 Thess.1:2,3  
The Foundations of our Faith, part 2

- 1 Thessalonians Outlined:
  - (1.) The FRUIT of Your Faith
  - (2.) The FELLOWSHIP of Your Faith
  - (3.) The FERVOR of Your Faith
  - (4.) The FOCUS of Your Faith
  - (5.) The FUTURE of Your Faith
  
- The first fruits of our faith are manifest in verse 3: faith, love, and hope. These three graces link together in various Scriptures and relate to our:
  - (1.) Christian Warfare: 1 Thessalonians 5:8
  - (2.) Christian Walk: Romans 5:2-5
  - (3.) Christian Work: Galatians 5:5,6; 1 Thess.1:3
  
- How can you cause others to explode with gratitude and joy when they are around you or think about you?

**1. Work Produced by Faith:**

**2. Labor Motivated by Love:**

1 Cor.15:58: ... your *labour* is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Thess.2:9; ... our *labour* and travail...

- Travail = labors through hardship and distress.

**3. Patience Inspired by Hope:**

- Courageous tenacity in the face of extreme opposition and hostility. Christians are so motivated to patient hope by the:

A. The Sacrifice of Christ

B. The Second Coming of Christ,

1 Thess.1:10: to wait for His Son from heaven.