

“A Church to be Proud of”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

I. Introduction – Acts 17:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:6

II. A Church to be Proud of

1 Thess. 5:18; 3:10; Matt 13:20-21; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Psa. 119:67;
1 Pet 4:19; James 1:2-4; Heb. 11; John 13:34-35; Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 1:4

A. The Greeting

B. Reasons to be proud

1. Growing _____
 - a. Persecution destroys _____ faith
and strengthens _____ faith.
 - b. Faith must be _____ to grow stronger
 - c. Suffering and persecution are part of _____
2. Increasing _____
 - * Increasing _____ in God and _____
for others are essential characteristics of true believers.
3. Evident _____
 - a. One becomes _____ through _____
 - b. God _____ us so that we may
_____ others

III. Conclusion - Matt. 6:33; 1 Thess. 3:3; 1 Sam. 16:7

- A. _____ is evidence that God is with us.
- B. God permits _____ that He might build
_____ in our lives.