

“The Ready Church”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

⁵ *which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

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

John 17:3 (NKJV)

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

**I. A Ready Church Knows the Lord
Jesus and Worships the Lord Jesus.**

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II. A Ready Church Abounds in Faith and Love.

What Created this Exponential Growth in Faith?

- 1. Timothy was an encouragement.**

1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 (NLT2)

² ...we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith,

³ and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through. But you know that we are destined for such troubles.

What Created this Exponential Growth in Faith?

**2. These Christians Knew Following Christ
Would be Difficult**

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3. Their love and concern for one another was paramount to their growth in faith.

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4. They took the first letter Paul wrote to them seriously and began living his instructions out.

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5. They Knew Jesus was Coming and made it their Goal to Always be Ready.