

**2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 – The happening church****The church at Thessalonica**

... Acts 17

... Jews were saved, God fearing Greeks got saved, prominent women got saved.

**1 Thessalonians****2 Thessalonians**

Questions...

... the church at Thessalonica can teach us a few things about Godly growth.

**1) Their faith is growing**

2 Thess 1:3

1 Thess 1:3 .. what Paul has been praying for.

1 Thess 3:5 ... why Timothy was sent to them in the first place...

So how are you growing in our faith?

What does it look like to grow in your faith?

... faith is not a commodity

**2) Their love is in full flood.**

... their love for each other consumes everything.

**1 Cor 13 passage. *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”***

**If we love each other...**

**Philippians 2:3-4. “do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of others.”**

### **Trials and persecutions**

... direct opposition from Jews

... they have also suffered theological trials.

**How do we respond to persecutions and trials?**

### **3) Great encouragement not swollen heads**

... verse 3

... be encouraged that God is working in your life, and in our life as a church ... and give thanks to him.