

Saved by Grace, not by Works
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Paul's greetings always sought to remind his readers of three important _____ as seen in every letter he wrote (_____ times).

The people of God (the _____) cannot be _____ from God the Father or the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:1

God is a wonderfully benevolent Father.
Jesus Christ is our Lord Who will never
_____ us alone or _____ us.

Isaiah 43:1-2

God's grace is a gift that not only _____ but
_____ those whom He chooses.

1 Thessalonians 1:1, 4; 2 Thessalonians 2:16;
Romans 5:2

God's grace always brings those He _____ to
dwell together with Him in _____.

1 Thessalonians 1:1; Romans 5:1

Paul could honestly say that these _____ brothers and
sisters were always in his _____.

His prayers were filled with _____ for them.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Paul was encouraged by their testimony of radical
_____ and their enduring _____.

1 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:6

Paul begins his letter by mentioning three specific signs of their
_____.

**First, their work of faith: the _____ Christian
_____ of faith.**

1 Thessalonians 1:3; Mark 13:34; Ephesians 2:10

**Second, their labor of love: the strong effort to love
others like _____ in _____ loved us (agape love).**

1 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 John 4:19–21

**Third, their steadfastness of hope: being confident in
the _____ of Christ to _____ them to the
end.**

1 Thessalonians 1:3; Romans 5:3–5

**Paul wanted to remind his readers that their works
must be done with the right _____**

1 Thessalonians 1:3; 5:8; 1 Corinthians 13:13

A Church is to be sought for only where God presides, and where Christ reigns, and that, in short, there is no Church but what is founded upon God, is gathered under the auspices of Christ, and is united in His name.

John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries, Volume XXI*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2003), 237

If we could fully assure ourselves, and constantly believe that God is our Father, and we his sons and heirs, then should we utterly condemn this world, with all the glory, righteousness, wisdom, and power, with all the royal sceptres and crowns, and with all the riches and pleasure thereof. We should not be so careful for this life: we should not be so addicted to worldly things, trusting unto them when we have them, lamenting and despairing when we lose them; but we should do all things with great love, humility, and patience. But we do the contrary; for the flesh is yet strong, but faith is feeble, and the spirit weak.

Luther, Martin. 1997. *Commentary on Galatians*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Peace was the common greeting among the Jews (shalom). It did not express the wish that the other would have inner, emotional tranquility but rather points to the core of the saving relationship between God and a people or person.

Green, Gene L. 2002. *The Letters to the Thessalonians*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans Pub.; Apollos.