

"FAITH, LOVE, HOPE: A REVIEW"

1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

- Do you remember January 2023?
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians were two real letters written to real people in a real city, who were experiencing real suffering in a world that was not friendly toward Christianity.

<u>The First Letter.</u> 1 Thessalonians

A healthy church. 1:2-3

A model church. 1:4-9

A waiting church. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:1-10

<u>The Second Letter.</u> 2 Thessalonians (How were they doing?)

Their <u>faith</u> was growing more and more.
2 Thessalonians 1:3 ("Hyperauxano")

Their <u>love</u> for each other was increasing. 2 Thessalonians 1:3 ("pleonazo")

– Where was their hope?

1. The suffering and false teaching that threatened hope. 2 Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2:1-2

2. The truth and encouragement to build up hope. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:3-17

How are we doing?

- Our faith in Christ?
- Our <u>love</u> for one another?
- Our <u>hope</u> of Christ's return?