

**SOME GOOD THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED FOR  
PART 3 - PATIENCE OF HOPE  
1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

**Introduction**

We saw first of all how Paul remembered **THEIR WORK OF FAITH!**  
Or, the work that was produced by their faith!

- I. *THEIR WORK OF FAITH INVOLVED A PROPER ACTION  
TOWARD THE WORD!*
- II. *THEIR WORK OF FAITH INVOLVED A PROPER ATTITUDE  
TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD!*
- III. *THEIR WORK OF FAITH INVOLVED A PROPER ACCEPTANCE  
OF THE WORD!*
- IV. *THEIR WORK OF FAITH INVOLVED A PROPER  
ACCOMPLISHMENT BY THE WORD!*

Next, we saw how Paul remembered **THEIR LABOR OF LOVE!**  
Or we could say, their labor which was prompted by their love!

- I. *THEY DID NOT SERVE GOD BECAUSE IT WAS EASY!*
- II. *THEY DID NOT SERVE GOD BECAUSE IT WAS POPULAR!*
- III. *THEY DID NOT SERVE GOD BECAUSE IT WAS PROFITABLE!*
- IV. *THEY SERVED GOD BECAUSE OF THEIR LOVE FOR CHRIST!*  
That's the only proper motive!

Tonight, I want us to see how Paul remembered the Thessalonians for  
**THEIR PATIENCE OF HOPE!**

The word "*patience*" is translated from a word that means "*cheerful (or  
hopeful) endurance, constancy, or steadfastness*".

The word "*hope*" is translated from a word that means "*to anticipate,  
expectation or confidence*."

The Church at Thessalonica was bearing up patiently under a heavy load of  
difficulty while waiting for the Lord! HE was their confident expectation  
and caused them to be able to patiently endure the difficult trials they faced!

So, this "*patience of hope*" is something that pushes us forward!

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It keeps one from giving up. It keeps one from quitting. It is the idea of:  
*Galatians 6:9*—"*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we  
shall reap, if we faint not.*"

This "*hope*" looks to the future with confidence that God's promises are true  
and those who are in Christ Jesus are heirs of those promises!

This is about **not giving up** or throwing in the towel no matter how hard life  
gets because of our great hope and expectation that is in Jesus Christ!

**I. IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULT TIMES, WE ALL NEED  
HOPE TO KEEP US FROM FALLING INTO THE PIT OF  
DESPAIR. (Romans 8:18-25)**

There are many things that can come our way that can cause us to  
lose our hope! I'm talking about some of the circumstances of life  
that come our way as a result of living in a fallen world that has been  
affected by and continues to be affected by man's sin!

Now, as believers, it ought not to happen to us, but sometimes it does  
happen to us! It happens because sometimes we place our hope in the  
wrong things!

Because of this, many Christians have been defeated by their  
circumstances and faint (or quit) rather than being driven and  
motivated to move forward by their hope in the Lord!

I know that sometimes, in the midst of some of our difficult  
circumstances, Heaven can seem like some far off dream to us, a fairy  
tale to comfort the dying, rather than a present reality.

But listen, the ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST  
ARE TRUE!

*2 Corinthians 1:20*—"*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and  
in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*"

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**II. OUR HOPE IN CHRIST IS WHAT CAN AND SHOULD  
INSPIRE US TO ENDURE! (Psalm 33:18-22)**

Our hope is to be in the Lord Jesus Christ, He and He alone can give us the hope that never fails!

The problem with many of us is we want everything right now. We are short on patience of hope. Many times it is the will of God that we wait for some things. That waiting teaches us to have patience of hope in Him.

When we have hope in that someone—Jesus Christ—Who is greater than ourselves, greater than ANY OTHER, and greater than ANY of our circumstances, that should help us to soar above our problems!

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

The fact of God's unfailing love for us and His power to deliver us from and/or through the troubles of this world and into the blessings of eternity with Him are guaranteed!

So, placing our trust in God, hoping in the things of heaven makes for a wise investment of our energies and time.

The hope that causes us to endure the hardships of this life are found in the promises of Jesus Christ in a better life yet to come for us who know Jesus as both Lord and Savior.

Sometimes we have to wait on something that we don't even know what it is that we're waiting on, but if we are patient and hope in the Lord, we will soon see that He does all things well!

*Psalm 39:7—“And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.”*

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Paul remembered these folks in Thessalonica that had the patience of hope. He's pointing out that this was a good characteristic for them to have!

God remembers those who have the patience of hope! They are in His sight! We can see everything God wants us to see when we have patience and hope in Him!

Every promise that God ever made, He either has fulfilled or will fulfill! The greatest testimonies that we will hear are from those that knew those promises and simply had patience to wait and hope in the One that made them!

Look at the example given of Abraham in **Hebrews 6:13-19!**  
**Hebrews 10:36-37**

Look at the example given in **James 5:10-11!**

The Devil will try you; he will send trouble into your life to take your hope and patience away. The best way for us to have the hope and patience that we need is to look at the examples of it God has given in Scripture and remember those in the Church that have it!

Remember those that stayed faithful when it seemed that their hope was gone! Remember those that kept their faith when trials came! Remember those that loved when there seemed to be no reason to love! Remember those that had the patience of hope and the Lord came through for them!

As you remember them, you will realize that the Lord will do the same for you. There is ALWAYS hope with the Lord!

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**Conclusion**

Do you have that patience of hope in you? Can you see it in the lives of others that have it and what it has done and continues to do for them?

When our paths get dark and the way is hard we need to look to the Source of our hope—The Lord Jesus Christ— and patiently wait on Him!  
It will help us to stay on course!

*Lamentations 3:26—“It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”*

There are fellow Christians that could tell us of the time in their life when there seemed to be no hope, but they had hope in the Lord, they waited on Him, and it was worth the wait.

I want us to look at two passages of Scripture and we're done.  
**1 Peter 1:3-9; 5:6-10**

We are not to hope for a while and then lose hope; we are to hope to the end. We ARE going to see Jesus face to face one day! Don't lose your hope, but rather patiently endure life's trials in the hope that we have in Christ!

We all have a call and duty to do all we can for the Lord. One of those things is to remember others. Their work of faith, their labor of love, and their patience of hope.