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1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

... he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, ³ **explaining** and **proving** that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I **proclaim** to you, is the Christ.” ⁴ And some of them were **persuaded** and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

Acts 17:2b-4

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REAL DEAL CHRISTIANITY IS EVIDENCED IN

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A FAITH THAT WORKS

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Ephesians 2:10

A LOVE THAT LABORS

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A HOPE THAT IS STEADFAST

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**BURMA
(MYANMAR):
BOLD
BELIEVERS
WORSHIP THE
LORD**

"AFTER KNOWING THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD, HOW COULD WE EVER STOP LOVING HIM? ... OUR PERSECUTORS DO NOT KNOW THE **LOVE OF GOD**, SO **WE LOVE THEM** AND SHARE WITH THEM. WE HAVE PEACE IN OUR HEARTS SO THAT WHETHER WE ARE POOR OR PERSECUTED, WE HAVE THIS PEACE. IT IS THE **HOPE** OF HEAVEN THAT KEEPS US GOING IN THE MIDST OF PERSECUTION, SO WHETHER WE ARE PERSECUTED, BEATEN OR NOT, IT IS THE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE IN HEAVEN THAT KEEPS US MOVING FORWARD."

HAVE YOU TRUSTED IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR?

⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. ... ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

ARE YOU COOPERATING WITH THE SPIRIT'S WORK OF SANCTIFICATION?

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1 Thessalonians 4:1–3

SANCTIFICATION

1. **Identify** need of growth
2. **Confess** to God & mature believer
3. **Repent:** put off & put on
4. **Rely** on the Spirit