

The Christian and the Work of Faith

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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- A. The Fundamental Virtues in the Christian Life
 - 1. Faith: Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 2. Love: Romans 5:1-5
 - 3. Hope: 1 Peter 1:3
- B. Relational Virtues (Toward God, People, Christ)
 - 1. Faith: toward God
 - 2. Love: toward God and people
 - 3. Hope: toward the Lord Jesus
- C. Active Virtues (Evidence of New Birth, First Love)
 - 1. Work of Faith: 1 Thess. 1:2-3
 - Obedience to God's commandments: John 14:15, John 14:21, 2 John 6

TODAY

- 2. Labor of Love: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 Peter 4:8, 2 Corinthians 12:15
 - Upward
 - 1. Pursuit of experiencing His love
1 John 4:15, Jeremiah 31:3
 - 2. Pursuit of reciprocating our love
1 John 4:19, Psalm 73:25
 - Outward
 - 1. Words of encouragement
Hebrews 10:19-25
 - 2. Deeds of sacrificial service
1 John 3:16-18, Phil. 2:25-30, 1 John 3:16
 - Inward
 - 1. A love originating from new birth – pure heart
1 Timothy 1:5b
 - 2. A love flowing from proper motives – good conscience
1 Timothy 1:5c
 - 3. A love lived by obedience and promises – sincere faith
1 Timothy 1:5d