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- 1 The ministers are faithful to the church
- 2 The believers have a firm foundation in God and in Christ
- 3 The believers know the grace and peace of God
- 4 The believers have a faith that grows more and more
- 5 The believers have a love that grows and overflows
- 6 The believers have a strong endurance and faith in all their trials
 - a. Are a testimony to others
 - b. Are a sign of God's coming judgment
 - c. Are a proof that they are worthy of God's kingdom

- Paul, Silas and Timothy,To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.
- 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.
- 5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.