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Increasing Love

2 Thess. 1:3, “We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.”

As Paul writes the church in Thessalonica, he is reminded of the faith of his brothers and sisters there. In fact, he commends them that their faith is continuing to grow. Why is that so important? Because as our faith grows, so does our love. Faith is the work God requires of us according to John 6:29, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘the work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’” Love motivated the works of the Thessalonian believers.

When we realize the great and magnificent love that God has lavished on us, we can then, by faith, love one another. And as we grow in that faith, so does our love for God and for each other. You might think, isn't love just love? How can some love be greater than other love? It is true that God's pure and perfect love for us is given without hesitation. He loves us no matter what. That is difficult for us not only to comprehend, but more importantly to put into practice. I can tell you that we can love, but it is not always easy to show that love. Paul is saying, the fruit of true love begins to blossom and grow in those who are walking by faith. I mean think about it; you can't even know the love of God until you, by faith, receive Him as your Savior and Lord. It is once you take that set of faith that you realize His love more and more. The result is that our love for each other is increasing.

Let's not become stagnant in loving one another. Let's walk by faith in such a manner that the love of God Himself fills us to overflowing and that His love is manifested in us, and through us. Let us love each other more and more and encourage each other more and more as we see that day approaching. And what day is that? The day Jesus comes again to take His bride home.

Dear Father, I praise You that You have done so much for me. I thank You that You have lavished Your love upon me and given me Your Holy Spirit to live with me and walk with me continuously. Help my love for You and for others to continue to flow like rivers of living water from my grateful heart. I love You Lord! Thank You for Jesus! In His name, Amen.