



Basic Christianity



1 Thessalonians 1:1-10



What's this???



IF

You would look for some things that would mark a person as a Christian what would it be?

God identifies 3 basic characteristics of a Christian and then adds another one.

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(v. 3) “Knowing” = perceiving with the senses.

I. Introduction (vs. 1,2)

"In" God – *the place of all spiritual blessings*
Ephesians 1:3; 1 Cor. 12:13; John 10:27

"from" God – *2 basic gifts for Christians.*

**Grace – favor from God that saves,
strengthens, and enables service –**

Ephesians 2:8,9; 2 Cor. 12:9; Romans 12:3

Peace – removes the war and gives the wow

Ephesians 2:17 John 14:27 Philippians 4:8

II. Intercession (v.3)

Remembering their

Faith - can't please God without it

Mark 9:23 Romans 5:1 Hebrews 11:33

Love -the way we show we're Christians

John 13:35 1 John 3:17 John 21:16

Hope -the reason we don't quit

Romans 5:2,11 Titus 2:13 1 Peter 1:3

What people were saying (vs.9, 10)

1. **A work of faith** – (v.9) “turned” faith converts & changes us – Belief that doesn’t bring us to God away from the old life is merely saying “Lord, Lord”.
2. **A labor of love** – (v.9) “to serve” if we love someone we’ll do what they ask
3. **Patience of hope** – (v.10) “to wait”
if we anticipate seeing Jesus nothing will stop us here

III. Imitation (vs. 5-7)

Followers – “mimic”

1 Corinthians 4:16 3 John 1:11

Disciples – “of the Lord”

1 Corinthians 11:1 Ephesians 5:1

Examples – “a stamp”

Philippians 2:19,25 Romans 16

Let's ask ourselves

- 1. How has faith “converted” me?**
- 2. How does love “characterize” me?**
- 3. How is hope “continuing” me?**
- 4. Who is “copying” me and following Christ as a result?**

***Do I just say I'm a Christian or
do I show that I'm a Christian?***

Remember

By their fruits you shall know them

**And they took knowledge of them that they had
been with Jesus**

Mark them that walk

Are you “basically” a Christian?

Ask your neighbor!