

# **A Hope Filled Church**

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

### **Two places where hypocrisy cannot thrive:**

1. Intense suffering motivates you to be authentic. Pain and suffering will humble you and call you to holiness. (1 Peter 4:1-2)
  
2. Christ's coming in the rapture, when you believe it is imminent, will motivate you to be an authentic Christian. (1 John 2:28)

### **The three golden virtues of the Thessalonian Church:**

1. Faith that is "Growing Abundantly" (vs. 1-3)
  - Your faith will grow in proportion to your response to life's trials and your belief in the promises of God's Word.
  
2. Love for others that is increasing (vs. 3)
  
3. Perseverance that validates our commitment (vs. 4)