<u>Series</u>: Blameless <u>Title</u>: Has A Strong Faith <u>Text</u>: (1 Thes 3:1-10)

I. A Blameless Church, 1:1-3:13 A. Has A Strong Church 1:1-4 B. Has A Strong Conversion 1:5-10 C. Has A Strong Clergy: 2:1-12 D. Has A Strong Congregation: 2:13-20

<u>A Blameless Church Has ...</u> E. <u>A Strong Conviction (Faith)</u>: 3:1-10

1. <u>Their Strong Faith made Paul extremely</u> <u>Anxious for the church</u>: (Vs 1-2)

2. A Strong Faith is not moved by affliction: Vs 3-5

A. <u>Knowing that we are appointed unto persecution</u>: (Jn 15:19) (2 Tim 3:12) (1 Pet 4:12-13)

B. <u>The Believer is persecuted because we strip away</u></u> <u><i>the World's cloak of sin.</u> (Phil 2:14-16)

C. The Believer is persecuted because the World does not know God or Christ. (Jn 16:3) **D.** <u>The Believers are persecuted because the World is</u> <u>deceived in its concept of God</u>. (Jn 16:2-3)

3. <u>A Strong Faith has an Excellent Testimony</u>: Vs 6 (1 Tim 6:12)

The Believers were standing fast in the Love of Christ (Jn 13:34-35) (Acts 2:42)

4. <u>A Strong Faith stirs the heart of Fellow</u> <u>Believers</u>: (Vs 7-10)

A. <u>Their Strong Faith Comforted Paul</u>: (Vs 7) (Rom 15:1)

B. Their Strong Faith stirred a renewed life & **Purpose in Paul (Vs 8)** (Heb 13:17) (Rom 12:11)

C. <u>There Strong Faith stirred Paul's Joy</u>: (Vs 9) Stirred Joy in the Pastor's Heart (1 Pet 4:12-13)

D. <u>The Strong Faith of the Thess Stirred Paul to</u> <u>Pray for their Fellowship & Growth in Christ</u>.

(Rom 15:2) (Rom 14:19)