



I THESSALONIANS

Part Twenty One: "Being Strengthened By Those You Influence For Christ"

I Thessalonians 2:19-20

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy.

Paul's Calls the People of Thessalonica:

- 1) His hope.
- 2) His joy.
- 3) His crown of rejoicing.
- 4) His glory.

Paul Did Not Consider It Selfish To Be Encouraged By Those He Influenced For Christ

- 1) They strengthened his sense of purpose. Jude 22-23.
- 2) He saw their success as his success. 3 John 3-4.
- 3) They represented his eternal rewards. Matt. 6:19-20.
- 4) They gave him opportunity to shine for God. Daniel 12:3.

Preparation for Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-19 *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*