

HOPE HOLINESS & HARD WORK

1 Thessalonians 3:13

THEIR HOPE

- This letter follows the typical pattern of Paul's letters (1 Thess. 4:1).
- Their conversion was genuine (1 Thess. 1:4-9).
- Paul's character is true (1 Thess. 2:1-10).
- Their afflictions are and expected part of being a Christian (1 Thess. 3:2-5).

A CALL TO HOLINESS

- Much of this is given by way of reminder (1 Thess. 4:1-2).
- Don't act like the world does (1 Thess. 4:3-5).
- Think of the other parties involved (1 Thess. 4:6).
- Consider what your behavior says about God (1 Thess. 4:7-8).

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- The coming of the Lord takes up a significant portion of the letter (1 Thess. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-11).
- He leads into that major section with an admonition about work (1 Thess. 4:11-12).
- He concludes with allusions to laziness and alertness (1 Thess. 5:6-8).
- He points to the example of workers among them (1 Thess. 5:12-13).
- Hope should encourage hard work, not quench it.