

Spot the Difference





1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 (NIV)

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For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NIV)

⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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tupos

- *Model* (e.g. NIV, AMP)
- *Ensamble* (e.g. KJV, ASV)
- *Example* (e.g. MEV, NASB, RSV, and others)
- *Pattern* (e.g. CJB, DRA, AMPC)

tupos - model - example

Why them?

What made this congregation the only one Paul refers to as a “model” or “example”?

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James 2:14-24 (NIV)

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

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²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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Hebrews Chapter 11 is a great chapter on....work produced by, and because of, faith.

...your work produced by faith...

“I wish the reader to understand that as often as we mention Faith alone in this question, we are not thinking of a dead faith, which worketh not by love, but holding faith to be the only cause of justification. (Galatians 5:6; Romans 3:22.) **It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone:** just as it is the heat alone of the sun which warms the earth, and yet in the sun it is not alone, because it is constantly conjoined with light.”

John Calvin, 1547 (in response to the Council of Trent)

...your labor prompted by love...

“labor” (kopou) = toil, laborious, weariness, fatigue, debilitating weakness, extreme weariness.

The word comes from “Kupto” which means to hit or strike

Important question: Love for whom?

...your endurance inspired by hope...

“endurance” = endure, remain, remain under, steadfast

It is remaining steadfast because of anticipation or expectation

It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus

Life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ

One glimpse of his dear face, all sorrows will erase

So bravely run the race

Till we see Christ

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