

After listening to the recording of Class #7 of our continuing study of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

## **First Thessalonians Class #7**

### **#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

- A. Even though the Thessalonian brethren were a great encouragement to Paul, what needed to be completed?
- B. Why is it so easy to handle life in a selfish way while forgetting the Lord's way?
- C. What will a faithful response to the Lord's commands cause to increase & abound in your life?
- D. Is love natural toward all people? Or is love a learned response?
- E. Why must the Lord cause love to increase & abound?
- F. Why can we not simply grow in love all by ourselves?
- G. What happens to our hearts when faithful love is empowered by the Lord to take us upward into holiness (full devotion/dedication to the Lord)?
- H. Who is coming with the Lord Jesus?
- I. What is a saint? Who is a saint?
- J. Think of how these two describe God: God is (Love) & God is (Holy)  
Now, why do Love & Holiness overlap in action so well?
- K. Why is it fitting that all the saints will be with the Lord Jesus at His coming?
- L. Does our Faith need to be completed in what is lacking as well? Why? How?

### **#2. Read Luke 6:31-36**

- A. What motivates common sinners to love, do good, and to lend?
- B. What motivates the children of God (sons of the Most High) to love their enemies, to do good, and to lend expecting nothing in return?
- C. Who is no longer the centerpiece of selfish love? Who is the Holy centerpiece of love?
- D. Are we more like common sinners or children of God?
- E. What will it take to imitate God? Must we take faith to trust God's command to love?
- F. What/Who hinders us from showing kindness & mercy to evil and ungrateful men?
- G. Does our Faith need to be completed in what is lacking in Love & Holiness too?

### **#3. Read 1 Peter 1:22-23**

- A. When obedience to the truth continues to purify your souls, what is caused to grow?
- B. What type of seed is this born from? What words describe the word of God here?

### **#4. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5**

- A. How do God's view & man's view of the Lord Jesus differ?
- B. Who & What are we called to be through Jesus Christ? What's the parallel with Jesus?
- C. Why are spiritually minded people (living stones) expected to be a HOLY priesthood?