

Something Lacking

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Intro: Prospect “Will you try to convert me every Sunday?”

How to become a Christian vs How to grow as one.

Text: Paul’s concern: Certain of their salvation

Rejoiced in progress

But Paul was still lacking “To be made complete.”

To supply what is missing for the full discharge of purpose.

v.12 Make your love increase v.13 may He strengthen your heart

GROW

*******We need to obtain that which will**
supply what is lacking in our faith

******* We need to learn more!**

Completely comprehend the mystery of God!

Subject matter – GOD Himself – never learn all

ILL – put ocean in a cup

Seminary professor “to study infinity requires eternity.”

You will never graduate

*******We need to Love more!**

Intelligence without compassion produces spiritual snobbery.

Match growing knowledge of God with a growing love for people!

v.12 two definitions of love

love for each other – love for the family of God

Early church gave all they had to feed the poor

koinonia church partnership

“see how they love one another!”

We must have love for everyone else unbelievers

It is difficult to grow this kind of love!

ILL. Jesus at the well -- Samaritan, woman sinful look how

This turned out.

******* We need to do more!**

Translate our theology and emotion into action.

Problem is not what we do but the good that we leave undone. Or we Stop too soon

******We need to witness more**

Until the whole world has heard and responded to the message

ILL- Isaiah in temple God responded “Whom shall I send? Who will go for me?.....Send me....as long as people are alive!”

Family

Occupation

Religion

Message

Form

Admit you have sinned

Believe Jesus died for you

Choose to accept His gift of forgiveness

ABC

Roman Road

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