

I Thessalonians 3:6-13
Established, now and forever

1. Progression/Review

Gospel proclamation (1:4-5, 10)

Thess. Profession (1:4-5,10, 2:13)

Persecution (2:1)

Separation (2:17)

Persecution (2:14-16), 2 Cor. 11:28

(Vs6-7) Good News, Good report. *But now (after all that)...*

Confirmation (3:6) Timothy's report of mutual affection

Relaxation (3:8)

Exaltation (3:9)

_____ (3:10-11)

_____ (3:12-13)

2. MATURATION (vs10-12)

(vs10) What is lacking- What IS lacking?

ALWAYS ROOM TO GROW in _____ AND _____.

The best of men have something wanting in their faith, if not as to the matter of it, there being some mysteries or doctrines not sufficiently **known or believed** by them..." Matthew Henry

(vs11-13) are _____.

WHY do we endeavor to increase our love for one another?

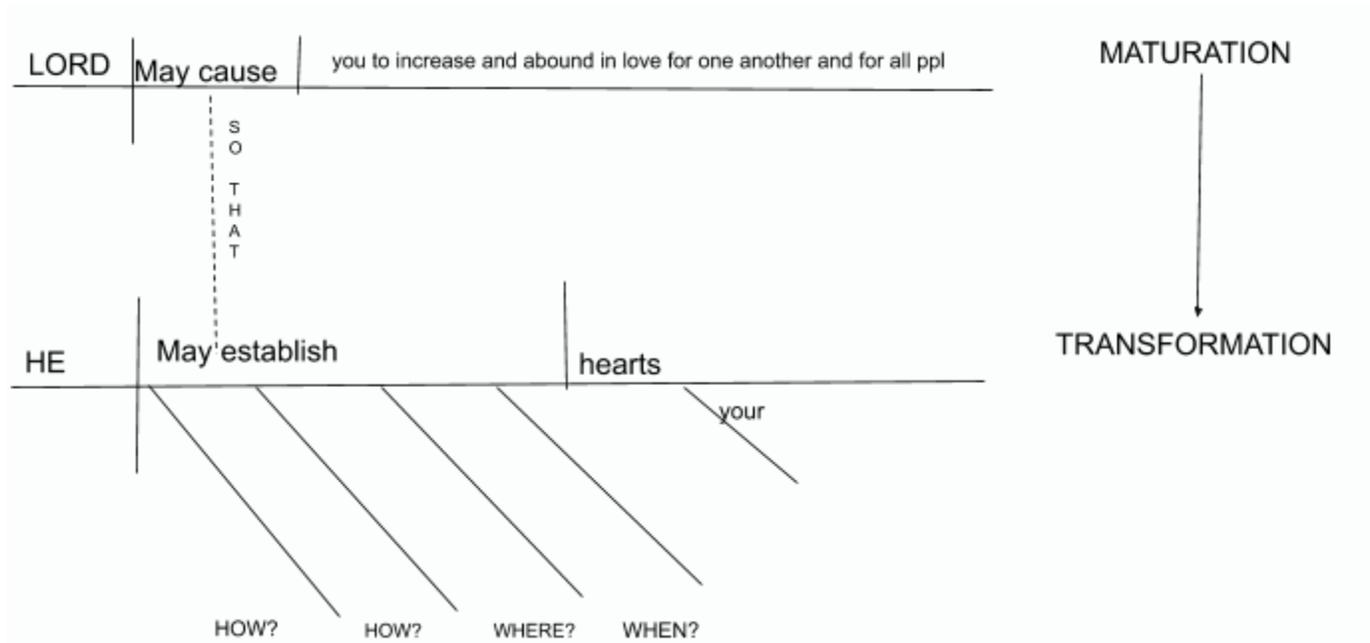
1. Our love for one another is reflective of _____ Jn 3:16
2. and therefore for our most _____. Jn 13:33-34.

HOW do we increase in love for one another and all men?

- a. I Thess 2:8- _____ one another (which requires time and priority) come early to fellowship, prioritize LCBC people!, prioritize NEW people!
- b. I Thess 1:2-3- _____ for one another based on that knowledge
- c. I Thess 3:10- using our spiritual gifts FOR one another (I Cor 12, I Pet. 4:11)
- d. I Thess 3:10- remaining _____ under church leaders (Eph. 4:11-17) realizing we are lacking in some areas!
- e. I Thess 1:8- proclaiming the gospel to unbelievers

3. Transformation (vs13)

(vs13) SO THAT-Paul reveals his main purpose and point for this beloved church (and by extension FOR all who are in Christ and make up His body and future bride!) Paul's job and drive was to be an earthly part (maturation)in a heavenly work (transformation). God began the Thess church with HIS WORDS- the gospel OF GOD and HIS CHOICE OF THEM-Salvation. Paul wanted the Thess believers to be established on earth so that they'd be that much closer to being eternally established when Christ returns! There is a fixed connection b/w temporal/eternal establishing. God is establishing a church (local/universal) to be a bride eternal.



Our ever increasing and abounding love for one another and for ALL people is the precursor to being eternally established! How important, how vital is our growth in love?
