



Authentic People

People expect Christianity to be pretty meaningless in day-to-day life. Many Christians seem to be living a mundane version of Christianity that doesn't seem up to facing the biggest issues in life. It just doesn't seem that our lives are that different. The early church didn't suffer from any lack of relevance or authenticity. The believers in Thessalonica experienced a deep life change that was evident even to people in other countries. The old life was transformed, and they enthusiastically pursued their new life as they awaited the full expression of God's kingdom. We can learn from these authentic people as we study the book of 1 Thessalonians.

9/5/2010	<p>Authentic Faith</p> <p>The Thessalonians were deeply changed. They looked different. They served each other in a way that other people noticed. They served their community in ways that mattered. They shared their faith even if it brought on suffering. Has the gospel made that kind of difference in our lives?</p>		1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	
9/12/2010	<p>Authentic Evangelism</p> <p>a close look at verses 1 through 12 of this chapter we just read, to see specifically what worked for Paul and his partners, what got them to the point where they were able to confidently give thanks because lives were changed.</p>		1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	
9/19/2010	<p>Authentic Love</p> <p>Authentic love involves actions that create space in which growth can happen.</p>		1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	
9/26/2010	<p>Authentic Lives</p> <p>Paul offers instructions on how to live a life that pleases God. It is not just about spiritual life over here and financial life over here and some other part of our life over here. It is all together.</p>		1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	
10/03/2010	<p>Authentic Hope</p> <p>Every day, we're encouraged to bank our trust on everything from products and ideas to philosophies and even people. But Scripture is clear that as believers are called to hope in Jesus Christ and in him alone</p>		1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11	
10/10/2010	<p>Authentic Community</p> <p>We all want and need a place where we know people and where we are known -and not just on Facebook and Twitter. Those things have their place, but we need face-to-face interaction, where we can relax and just talk and share with people and not worry that we're going to be rejected because we already know we're accepted.</p>		1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	