

"Living in the Presence"

(Part 3: "Affirming our Call
& Commitment")

I Thes. 3:1-8

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"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

I Thessalonians 1:11-12

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*To what extent do others see the
'presence of Christ'
in us?*

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"We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus *so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*" (II Cor. 4:7-10)

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