

# What is Lacking?

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1 Thessalonians 3:10b (3:9-10)

## 1.) Perfect What?

A.) Faith is used to refer to the testimony of truth or the convictions grounded on that truth.

*"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." (Jude 3)*

*"14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:14-17)*

*"...reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead...**4** And some of them were persuaded..." (Acts 17:2-4)*

B.) Faith is a conviction based on hearing the word of Christ.

C.) The conviction has content.

D.) So, what was lacking? In two words, Gospel Truths.

## 2.) Perfect How?

- In a couple of words, instruction or teaching.

*"gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,  
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,"  
(Ephesians 4:11-12)*

### **3.) Perfect Why?**

- In a couple of words, for sanctification and perseverance

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:13

*"tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the  
cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting," (Ephesians 4:14)*

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3

*"13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift  
that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the  
eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may  
be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing  
this you will save both yourself and those who hear you." (1 Timothy in 4:13-16)*

*"16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for  
correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete,  
thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*