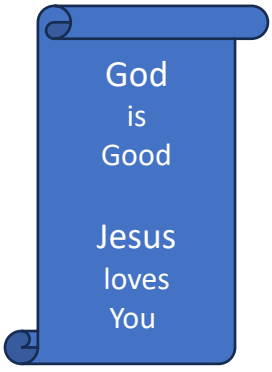
Choosing a Leader Who Will Not Disappoint You

Read *1 Thessalonians* 1:1-10

Everyone needs reminders of Jesus' superiority over other religious leaders.
In this scripture, the Lord links three notable Christ inspired qualities:
"Your work of faith,
labor of love
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
In *First Corinthians* 13, God's word relates
love's superiority over faith and hope.
Love clearly holds an edge, but love falters apart from hope and faith.
Without faith that Jesus is the Christ, the only son of God,
church folks lose their sense of direction and purpose.
Efforts that lack love blunt any person's or group's work.
Apart from hope in resurrection with Jesus, people give up and quit.
Only Jesus came from God,
lived a perfect life of love,
unselfishly died to pay the penalty for our failures,
and overcame death by his uniquely powerful resurrection.
For vital and trustworthy reasons, Christians hope that Jesus will return to judge us all
and be honored as Universe Commander.
Love not based on these truths becomes tired, mired, and directionless.
The first recipients of 1*Thessalonians* gave up the perennially disappointing idols of
immorality, greed, booze, sports' addiction, and selfishly living as they pleased.
They discovered profound, love, joy,
and eternal hope in Christ that will never disappoint you or any person.



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