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SERMON OUTLINE

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Healthy Christians grow through loving others

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

- I. We all have spiritually weak areas where we need to grow (1 Thessalonians 3:9-10).
  - A. Paul prayed joyfully, thanking God for their spiritual progress (3:9).
  - B. Paul prayed that he could come supply anything they were missing spiritually (3:10).
  
- II. Growing in our love is how God grows us in our holiness (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13).
  - A. Paul trusted God to clear the obstacles keeping him from coming to them (3:11; 2:18).
  - B. Paul prayed they would grow in their love for each other (3:12).
  - C. Increasing our love for others grows us inwardly to be more holy (3:13a).
  - D. God uses our relationships to produce greater holiness in our lives for when Jesus returns (3:13b).