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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL MEN

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 THESSALONIANS 5:11-15**

1 Thessalonians 5:14, *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, **be patient toward all men.***

1. BACKGROUND

a. Please refer to the September 30, 2018 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

a. God tells us that we are not appointed to wrath. This is confirmed in **Revelation 3:10**, *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

b. With the aforementioned thought in mind, we should go to

bed and get a good night rest.

- c. As a matter of fact, if we live everyday for the Lord Jesus Christ, every night can be a restful night. We must remember after salvation we have the privilege to enjoy the abundant life. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
- d. As we come to the final chapter, we will see God prescribes certain missions for believers as we wait for His second coming. **John 14:1-3**, *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2:** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3:** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*
- e. There are certain attitudes we are to display. The attitude of a believer has to be right to display the fruit of the Spirit. We are

also commanded to add to our faith. **Galatians 5:22-23**, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23**: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **2 Peter 1:5-9**, And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; **6**: And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; **7**: And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. **8**: For if **these things** be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**: But **he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and **hath forgotten** that he was **purged from his old sins**.**

- f. Attitudes should lead to action. We should understand that Christ is coming again.
- g. He is not asking us to sit around and sleep; He tells us we are to be alert and sober. **Matthew 26:41**, *Watch and pray, that ye*

enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He also tells us to work while it is day. **John 9:4**, *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

- h. We need to be students of the Preserved Word of God. **2 Timothy 2:15**, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
- i. The believer in Christ is awakened to the fact that the Second Coming of Christ is a part of the salvation package He has promised us. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Ephesians 1:13-14, In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14:*

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

- j. Several Sundays ago, we preached from **1 Thessalonians 5:1-10** and brought into view the Great Tribulation Period. It is labeled as “The Day of the Lord” and the believer is preserved and protected from entering into this period. **Psalms 37:28**, *For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.*
- k. The Day of the Lord will begin at night in the evening.
- l. If you remember God starts with the evening. **Genesis 1:5**, *And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*
- m. God begins at night and moves toward the light of day.
- n. The Great Tribulation Period will lead us into the glorious Millennial reign where Jesus Christ will sit on the throne and rule and reign for a thousand years.

- o. He is the Son of Righteousness. He will have healing in His wings. **Malachi 4:2**, *But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*
- p. The Day of the Lord is a term we need to make sure we have clear. **It is not for the Church**; the Church is gone at this time. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**, *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **14:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **15:** *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **16:** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17:** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up**

together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18: Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

- q. For the Church, God lays out a blueprint of **22 commandments**, that each believer should hold dear and exhibit in their lives in light of the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It will allow freedom, peace, and abundant living.
- r. God tells us emphatically in **John 14:15**, *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
- s. Most people turn to the Ten Commandments, which is law. I want to remind you that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness. **Romans 10:4**, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.* The believer is not under the law; we are under grace, **we are saved by grace, we are to live by grace, and we are to give by grace.**
- t. God gives this blueprint as a doctrine for the Church in

Romans thru **Philemon**.

- u. The child of God is tossed to and fro this day in time. **Ephesians 4:14**, *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*; I see such raggedy lives among believers. I see defeated lives. Confusion is paramount, and hypocrisy is rampant. And bad attitudes are alarming.
- v. I want to give you a blueprint in clear terms from the apostle Paul by whom we are told to continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine. **Acts 2:42**, *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
- w. Peter lays out a blueprint, that after we are saved we are to add to our faith. **2 Peter 1:5-9**, *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6: And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance*

patience; and to patience godliness; **7:** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8:** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9:** But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

- x. We are also reminded of **Romans 12:2**, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. **Romans 6:19**, *I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.*
- y. These **twenty-two commandments** are clear, concise and should serve as a pattern in the life of every believer.

- z. With that Introduction let's get into the meat of the message and see what we can glean from God's precious Word today.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Wherefore comfort yourselves together.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**, Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
2. There are two commandments laid out in the aforementioned verse. **The first** is to “*comfort yourselves together*” This means we are to encourage one another. **Hebrews 10:25**, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
3. We need to be in church and not refuse to come because of what somebody else is doing or what they say.
4. We are to encourage one another. In turn we will be

encouraged by so doing.

5. **The second** commandment laid out in this verse is “*edify one another.*” This means to build up one another in the most holy faith. **Jude 1:20**, *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*
6. You and I should be team workers. “Things” should not get us worked up and excited where we do not want to be in the same building with someone else. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
7. We are to work together – not divided –to get the Word of God out to a lost and dying world.
8. We are to put on the whole armour of God. **Ephesians**

6:11, Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Ephesians 6:14-18**, Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15**: And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16**: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench **all** the fiery darts of the wicked. **17**: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18**: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

b. Brethren to know them which labour among you.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:12**, And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

2. We are going to take this verse that consist of four things and wrap it all together and call it the **third commandment**.
3. *“we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;”* - It is very necessary we recognize people who are giving out the Preserved Word of God. **Acts 20:28**, *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*
4. We need to be an encouragement to them. If they have taught us, if they have preached to us, and if we have learned from them, we should let them know.
5. *“to know them”* – First of all we need to know and recognize the fact God has placed leaders in the local church to edify the saints and to work the ministry.

Ephesians 4:12, *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:* There will be somebody over us in the Lord to tell us like it is.

Hebrews 13:17, *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

6. Sometimes when we hear the truth, we do not like to admit it and therefore, we avoid the messenger.
7. God had given to the Church a Pastor and teachers and has given gifts to various people and we should not be jealous of each other.

c. And be at peace among yourselves.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:13**, *And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

2. **The fourth** commandment is *“to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.”*
3. What God is telling us is to appreciate the people who are working the ministry.
4. Sometimes when the message gets extremely strong we are prone to reject the messenger.
5. God reminds us in His Word if there is one giving out the Preserved Word of God and we reject it, we are not rejecting the messenger, we are rejecting God Himself. **1 Samuel 8:7**, *And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them*
6. It is hard to allow the Word of God to prick our hearts. We know that the Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts. **Hebrews 4:12**, *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to*

the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

7. **The fifth** commandment is *be at peace among yourselves.*
8. Christians need to understand that first of all, we must know God. We must know who He is and we must be willing to line up with the truth. **2 Timothy 1:12**, *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*
9. So many believers are disobedient. They do not want to trust the True and Living God. They want to live by their own wisdom and their standards. **Ephesians 5:6**, *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **Colossians 3:6**, For which things' sake the*

wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

10. We are to have a balanced life. Our personal life, social life, our spiritual life and our recreational life must all be in balance. Failure to display this balance voids one's opportunity to be a blessing to anyone.
11. The Bible admonishes us to *"be careful for nothing."*
Philippians 4:6, *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*
12. I have said many times that we cannot live the Christian life; we must allow the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life through us.
13. We must honor the Word of God, we must be willing to learn the Word of God, and not be ignorant of what God teaches. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-15**, *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no*

hope. **14:** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **15:** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

14. The problem in many of our churches today is that we fail to give out the Preserved Word of God to our congregation.

d. Be patient toward all men.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:14**, *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*
2. There are several commandments that are wrapped up in this verse.
3. **The sixth** commandment – “*Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly,*” - Sometimes in the local

church there are folks who are out of step. They want to do things their way. When we do it our way, where do we stop? As an example, to change one thing in Gods Preserved Word puts the believer on a slippery slope.

4. We are commanded throughout the Word of God that we are all to do things God's way. There should be no division among us if we are guided by the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
5. **The seventh** commandment – “*comfort the feebleminded.*” – I do not think he is talking about people who have a mental problem.
6. I believe these are folks who need encouragement in the Word of God; they might be babes in Christ, they might

have been wounded or discouraged in some church. We are to nurture them and comfort them. Our slogan at Chesswood Baptist Church is “Where Everybody is Somebody.” **Galatians 6:1**, *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

7. **The eighth** commandment – “*support the weak.*” These are folks who are weak in the faith. We need to build their faith which is the purpose of the local church because it should be the pillar and ground of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15**, *But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*
8. We are to edify the saints, work the ministry and to build up the body of Christ. **Ephesians 4:12**, *For the perfecting of the*

saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

9. **The ninth** commandment – **“be patient toward all men.”**

Our temper needs to be under control. We must remember we cannot mold others in our image.

10. We do not need to serve God in a stressful situation with a bad attitude. Patience is something that God's people certainly need to learn.

11. God was patient with everyone and we must allow ourselves to be patient. We should not blow our cool. We must remember that we represent, serve and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

e. See that none render evil for evil unto any man.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:15,** **See that none render evil for evil unto any man;** *but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

2. This is a verse that is applicable in any church.
3. **The tenth** commandment: We have too much fighting, too much checking someone else's attitude and not liking them for some reason.
4. Jesus Himself said He did not work well where there was unbelief and strife. We need to get it straight. **Matthew 13:58**, *And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.*
5. We have people dying and going to hell each day and believers are fighting among themselves.
6. **The eleventh** commandment: "*but ever follow that which is good*" – God tells us to focus on the good. **Philippians 4:8**, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

7. It seems we have several standards of conduct in the world today.
8. Those who are concerned about themselves regardless of what is going on.
9. We are not to be concerned about ourselves, but about others.
10. From the world's perspective it says do good to those who do good to you. Jesus reminds us in **Luke 6:33**, *And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.*
11. The Christian world needs to learn to live on a high plane and a different philosophy. The Lord says "*See that none render evil for evil unto any man;*" As a matter of fact He tells us in **Matthew 5:44**, *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. If you have never come to the side of the Crucified Christ this needs to be your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
- b. When your day of salvation has arrived, the Holy Spirit will trouble your heart; He will draw you and you must yield to the power of God's Spirit. **John 6:44**, *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.* **John 16:8**, *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*
- c. Those who are not troubled by the sin of unbelief will never get saved.
- d. If you cannot recognize that you are lost, you cannot get saved.

- e. Man is totally depraved without Jesus Christ. There is not one ounce of divinity in us.
- f. It is only through the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ that we can have eternal life.
- g. Come to the table of salvation today.
- h. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- i. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- j. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- k. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the*

world through lust. **John 10:27-29**, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **28**: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **29**: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. **2 Timothy 1:12**, For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. **Romans 8:38-39**, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **1 John 5:13**, These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

k. Please stand.

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