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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FAITHFUL IS HE THAT CALLETH YOU, WHO ALSO WILL DO IT

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-28**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24: Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. This is the first Epistle Paul wrote. It was written in A.D. 52 or A.D. 53.
- b. Thessalonica was a Roman colony located about 50 miles west of Philippi and about 100 miles north of Athens and was in the center of the heart of the Roman empire, and the chief city of Macedonia.
- c. This Church in Thessalonica was established on Paul's second missionary journey.
- d. Paul took Silas with him and along the route he picked up Timothy and Dr. Luke. It was considered **a model church**, and that is recorded in **1 Thessalonians 1:7**, So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.
- e. This Church was a testimony to the whole area that we call Greece today.
- f. Paul also speaks of this Church being an example to the Corinthians. **2 Corinthians 8:1-5**, *Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of*

Macedonia; **2:** *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3:* *For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4:* *Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5:* *And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*

- g. Paul and Barnabas separated prior to the second missionary journey. This is why he picked up Timothy and Dr. Luke.
- h. Paul crossed into Macedonia from Troas where he waited on the Lord to tell him what the next destination should be. **Acts 16:8**, *And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.*
- i. As he arrived, the first convert was a lady named Lydia; a seller of purple. This Church was established at Philippi.
- j. Paul went to Thessalonica and was there in **Acts 17** for three Sabbaths. This is a little less than a month in order to do a work for God. **Acts 17:2**, *And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,*
- k. Many were led to Christ; Paul organized the Church and taught them the great doctrines of the Christian faith.
- l. Paul leaves because of opposition to the Gospel. He was literally run out of town; they pursued him to Berea and again he was forced to leave. **Acts 17:10**, *And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.*
- m. Paul left Silas and Timothy in Berea, but he went on to Athens and after sometime there he went to Corinth.
- n. Apparently in Corinth, Timothy and Silas brought him word concerning the Thessalonians. **1 Thessalonians 3:6**, *But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we*

also to see you:

- o. Timothy had some questions Paul had to address. In the first Epistle he attempts to answer their questions.
- p. He had been there less than a month and touched on many of the doctrines of faith to include the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- q. Paul did not consider any subject to be above their head. He wanted to get the believers grounded in the faith.
- r. They learned so much. *When you are really interested in the Word of God you are willing and ready to learn. **Hosea 4:6**, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*
- s. *There are many churches today that are vague on the Rapture of the Church, soft on the Preserved Word of God, reluctant to teach justification by faith and obscure on the Deity of Christ, especially His Second Coming, and offers confusion whether the Church is going through the Tribulation period or not.*
- t. In less than one month these converts were able to grasp the meat of the Gospel Message. Paul taught the return of Christ was imminent, but since some time had passed after Paul left, some of the saints had died and a new generation was on the scene. **1 Corinthians 3:1-2**, *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2: I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3: For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*
- u. This raises other issues. *We are to instruct our children and make sure they are taught from the Preserved Word of God.*
- v. This Epistle has a three-fold purpose. 1. To confirm young converts in the elementary truths of the Gospel, 2. To condition

them to exist and exhibit holy living, and 3. To comfort them regarding the return of our Lord.

- w. John tells us in **1 John 3:3**, *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*
- x. Paul was able to get the message through to these converts in such a short period of time.
- y. **1 Thessalonians 2:1-20** tells how Paul was able to form this local church in that city. **1 Thessalonians 2:4-9**, *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 5: For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: 6: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. 7: But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: 8: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. 9: For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. 1 Thessalonians 2:13-14, For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 14: For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:*
- z. There are several important themes in this book.
 - 1. God expects every believer to be an example for unbelievers.
 - 2. Persecution is **never** a reason to leave God's ministry in which He has called us. **Matthew 5:10**, *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is*

the kingdom of heaven.

3. Our ultimate victory is in Christ Jesus, and we must remember that **we serve and work for Him only** and we are not working for anybody else.
4. *The Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is imminent and certain.*
5. Christians should pray for their church, their pastor and leaders.
6. Living a sanctified life "full of the Holy Spirit" is God's will for every believer. **Ephesians 5:18**, *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the September 30, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. TWELVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

f. Rejoice evermore.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:16**, **Rejoice evermore.**
2. **The twelfth** commandment: I have challenged this congregation to read one chapter in **Proverbs** each day. I am not sure how many have taken me up on it. Hiding the Word of God in our heart will change our attitude from negative to positive. **Psalms 119:11**, *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
3. **Philippians 4:4**, *Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*
4. God does not intend for believers to run around with bad attitudes and sour faces. We are to display the fruit of the spirit **at all times**. **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.* We must remember this verse say fruit of the spirit and not fruits of the spirit. It simply means upon salvation each

believer gets the entire package.

g. Pray without ceasing.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:17**, Pray without ceasing.
2. **The thirteenth** commandment has to do with being in an attitude of prayer at all times.
3. I believe prayer changes things.
4. I believe we can always quote scripture in our heart and we can always be in a constant prayerful attitude. This will certainly put a smile on your face. **Hebrews 4:16**, *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

h. In every thing give thanks.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**, In every thing give thanks: *for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*
2. **The fourteenth** commandment: regardless of what the circumstances are we as believers can give thanks. We must remember this verse says “*this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*” – it allows no other option.
3. Someone might say, “How can we?” Well we can because we know God is working all things together for the good. **Romans 8:28**, *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

i. Quench not the Spirit.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:19**, Quench not the Spirit.
2. How in the world does one quench the spirit?
3. **The fifteenth** commandment: Every born-again believer has the Spirit of God indwelling them. **Romans 8:9**, *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
4. God also indicates that there are two natures. There is the

nature of God that does not sin **1 John 3:9**, *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* The aforementioned verse refers to the soul of man, and there is the old nature that is prone always to sin. **Romans 7:14-15**, *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15: For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*

5. We quench the spirit by refusing to allow the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life through us. **Romans 8:1**, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
6. We are constantly trying to allow old nature to take over. **Romans 7:24**, *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* **Ephesians 4:30**, *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
7. The Holy Spirit is grieved because many times there is sin in our lives. We quench the spirit when we are out of step with God and disobedient.

j. Despise not prophesyings.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:20**, **Despise not prophesyings.**
2. **The sixteenth** commandment: God is challenging the believer to get into His inspired and Preserved Word. **2 Timothy 3:16**, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **Psalms 12:6-7**, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.***
3. So many believers think they know it all. None of us know it all.
4. We can have a surface knowledge of Bible that can be

- very dangerous.
5. It is a dangerous thing to think you know and you don't know.
 6. Too many believers this day in time find Bible study boring. They have no time to participate.
 7. We need to be students of the Book. **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.*
 8. We need to make sure we are looking at God's Word as we forth-tell what He has already told us.
 9. There are no new prophesies, and certainly no new revelations, there are no new word from God. God has not called any person today to fore-tell the future.
 10. **The Preserved Word of God contains everything that God intends for us to know. This Preserved Word is found in the King James 1611 Bible and has been preserved by God for every generation.** **Psalm 12:6-7**, *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

k. Prove all things.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:21**, **Prove all things**; *hold fast that which is good.*
2. **The seventeenth** commandment: Do not be taken in by those who would teach us false doctrine. **Colossians 2:8**, *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*
3. We need to understand, we need to try the spirit with the spirit. This will always keep one from error. **1 John 4:1**, *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.* **John 7:17**, *If any man will do his will, he*

shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

4. There are a lot of things men have devised that sound good. Many Christians are sucked in to that process.
5. **The eighteenth** commandment: *“hold fast that which is good”* – hold to those things that are true, honest and upright.
6. If we would take just a moment and ask the Holy Spirit what the truth of the Word of God is, He will ALWAYS reveal it to us. **Titus 1:9**, *Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.* **Titus 2:1**, *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:* **2 Timothy 4:3**, *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

I. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:22**, **Abstain from all appearance of evil.**
2. **The nineteenth** commandment: This verse is often misquoted.
3. God did not say abstain from evil that is obvious. He said abstain from **all appearance of evil** and that goes the second mile.
4. As believers we must be aware we live in a glass house. Whatever appears to be evil, we need to abstain and stay away from it. **Romans 14:21**, *It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*

m. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**, ***And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24: Faithful is he that calleth you, who***

also will do it.

2. This is not one of the commandments, but this is God's assurance as to what He will do for us. **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.* **1 Corinthians 2:9-11**, *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10: But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11: For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
3. I have given you **nineteen** commandments up to this point.
4. *"God of peace sanctify you wholly";* - He reminds us that we have a body, soul and spirit.
5. He also reminds us that we are preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus. *"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*
6. We can depend on God.

n. Brethren, pray for us.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:25**, **Brethren, pray for us.**
2. **The twentieth** commandment: Prayer changes things.
3. You cannot pray for an unbeliever or a believer and hate them at the same time. You can however pray for your pastor, for those who teach you the Word of God.
4. You can pray for Christian workers and those who are out there and ready to do a job to the glory of God.

o. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:26**, **Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.**

2. **The twenty first** commandment: In our culture it can be a handshake, a hug, even a holy kiss. However, we are to make sure it is authentic.
3. I have many believers that say I love you; do they really?
4. There is a body language that is louder than any words that would ever be spoken. Believers must be aware and produce positive, truthful body language. It is easy to lie.

p. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:27, I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read** *unto all the holy brethren.*
2. **The twenty second** commandment: We have read this epistle to you and God says we are to act on the things that He has given us. **James 1:22, *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.***

q. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:28, The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.** *Amen.*
2. It is all about His grace. It is by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that will save a soul from hell. **Ephesians 2:8-9, *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Grace is unmerited favor for those who deserve nothing.***
3. My Christian friend, can you say Yes Lord to the **aforementioned 22 commandments?**

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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