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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BRETHREN TO KNOW THEM WHICH LABOUR AMONG YOU

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 THESSALONIANS 5:11-28**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13: And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

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 some time 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 Preserved 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 August 29, 2021 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. SEVENTEEN 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 Preserved 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:** So 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 discernor 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 discernor 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, 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 God's 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 Preserved 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.
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;**

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 Preserved 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 always: 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: this 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 that 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 prophecies, 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.***

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 into 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 Preserved 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. He said abstain from **all appearance of evil.**
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. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.

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 Preserved 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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