

1st Thessalonians I

Lesson #1 **Series # 461** **1Thes 1:1**

- I. Paul: One of the GREATEST men in history successful as a YOUNG man in religion and politics.
 - A. He found the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior and appointed by God the Holy Spirit an apostle for his spiritual gift.
 1. This gift was one of absolute spiritual dictatorship.
 - B. He is human author of this epistle and he wrote it on his 2nd missionary journey and was in the south of Greece when he heard about problems which were brought to him by Timothy.
 1. Timothy had gone back to Thessalonica to see what was going on there.
 2. Paul had been at least 3 weeks in Thessalonica maybe longer and while there he witnessed for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and as a result some came to know Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior.
 3. He then began to teach Bible Doctrine and in a short time he was able to teach a great deal of Bible Doctrine.
 4. He then moved on and Timothy went back and when he returned to Paul he had some interesting reports.
 5. Some believers were standing around having sold their businesses thinking that the Lord would take care of them and that the Rapture would occur at any moment.
 6. Others were living in panic thinking that those who had died between Paul's visit and that time would not be involved in the Rapture of the church which Paul had apparently taught them.
 7. Some were upset about the pressures and adversities of life and others confused about the doctrine of spiritual gifts.
 8. Timothy brought to Paul a very negative report and the result was the writing of the 5 chapters which comprise Thessalonians.
 - C. This epistle is characterized in 4 ways:
 1. It is an Eschatological Epistle referring in each chapter to some future thing.
 2. There are no Old Testament Scripture citations and this is the only Epistle of Paul where he did not quote the Old Testament Scripture.
 - i. This leads to the conclusion that this was primarily a gentile church.
 3. It is short and yet covers a great deal of Bible Doctrine and has so many different subjects.
 4. There is in this epistle a fascinating subject regarding the Oral teaching of the Apostle Paul.
 - i. Apparently from this epistle it is concluded that before the Canon was completed the Oral teachings of the Apostle Paul had divine authority.
 - ii. Once the Canon is completed the Oral teachings pass into history and we do not have the content of them.
 - D. As far as all the Epistles of Paul are concerned we know that during the 2nd missionary journey 1st and 2nd Thessalonians written at that time are Eschatological in nature.
 1. The first letters Paul wrote were primarily Eschatological.
 2. On the 3rd Missionary Journey Paul Wrote Galatians, Corinthians and Romans and these are characterized as Soteriological in nature.

3. It is interesting to note that before Paul wrote about Salvation he was writing about Future events such as the Rapture.
 4. In the 1st Roman imprisonment he wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon with the subject being Christology.
 - i. After Sotieriology Paul goes into Christology.
 5. During his 2nd Roman Imprisonment he wrote Timothy and Titus with the subject of Ecclesiology to straighten out the church on some problems.
- E. This epistle of Thessalonians is addressed to the people who live in the City Thessalonica the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia in northern Greece.
1. It was famous for its Wealth and great Seaport with at least 200,000 in population.
 2. **Acts 17:1-11** details the founding of the Church there on his Missionary Journey.
- II. Paulus, Sylvanus and Timothius are Latin words for Silus and Timothy
- A. This was first translated in the 17th century and the custom was never to translate a Name into English but give it its Latin translation.
- B. These are 3 missionaries with the Indigenous idea of Missionary function.
1. This Pauline missionary team traveled around the ancient world and as they went from place to place each had a responsibility.
 2. First they would witness with the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to the people.
 - i. As a result of this a few to many would accept Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior.
 3. Without any further evangelistic effort or witnessing they gathered these people with Positive Volition and Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God together and train them to reach their own people.
 4. This is the PRIMARY concept of the indigenous missionary movement and what has been ignored as we in this nation have departed from Bible Doctrine.
 - i. If this had occurred under China Inland Mission and they had taught the Chinese to witness and teach their own people communism would not ever have swept through China.
 - ii. This is true since the ONLY thing which ever stops communism and socialism is the teaching of Bible Doctrine.
 - iii. Unfortunately many missionaries devoted their lives to witness and converting Chinese to Christ and at the end of their lifetime they might have 10,000 converts.
 - iv. However is they had taught possibly 100 to 1000 Chinese converts and trained them to witness and teach they would go out into their own nation and reach many more thousands of people.
 5. Paul, Timothy and Silus went out and witnessed in many places to the people but they did not try to convert everyone in a place but trained those who expressed strong Positive Volition to go out and reach others.
- C. Once these people had been trained Paul then organized a local church which included 3 factors:

1. The local church was self supporting and Paul did not call to other areas for supporting funds
 2. The local church was self governing and while Paul had trouble shooters on his team they did not come in to run the church but only handle special problems.
 3. The local church was self propagating and did their own witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i. They handled each conversion themselves and personally declared the gospel to others.
- D. There were problems in this local church:
1. Many had become unruly causing internal trouble and as is always the case when a church starts up there are a few bullies and some who go power mad and these often cause difficulties
 - i. 1Thes 5:15, 2Thes 3:6, 7, 11 indicate that the POWER MAD boys were causing problems and trying to take over.
 2. The Church was enduring terrible persecution 1Thes 2:14, 3:2-4.
 3. Some believers anticipating the Rapture had sold their businesses having a little Bible Doctrine with regard to the rapture but not enough.
 4. Some believers were upset about loved ones who had died and were apparently going to miss out on the rapture.
 - i. This is why 1Thes 4 says "The dead in Christ shall rise first and then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the Air".
- E. This is addressed to the Church of the Thessalonians a local church.
1. This is to the advantage of believers to be organized into local churches for worship, fellowship, edification and the organized teaching of Bible Doctrine.
 2. GRACE is all God is free to do for the believer based on the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross.
 3. GRACE is God providing everything and man receiving it without any merit on his part.
 4. Under the concept of GRACE Man cannot earn nor deserve anything from God.
 5. GRACE is the entire Plan of God authored by God the Father.
- F. The Grace Plan of God is divided into 3 parts:
1. Phase I == Salvation
 - i. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ coming in Hypostatic Union through the virgin birth and completed a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross, was resurrected and ascended to heaven
 - ii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ did all that was needed to provide for us the potential for Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 - iii. He provided redemption, propitiation, reconciliation everything that goes into making our Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God possible.
 2. Phase II == The Believer in Time
 - i. God the Holy Spirit executes this part of the Grace Plan of God and under this Phase God provides all the assets for us to be able to live the Christian

- Way of Life and move from spiritual infancy to Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God.
- ii. This we call Living or Logistical Grace and it means that HE provides it and WE use what he has provided.
3. Phase III == The Believer in Eternity
 - i. God the Father executes this part of the plan and he has provided for us for all eternity.
 - ii. Ultimate Sanctification with the Resurrection Body for each and every believer and a home in heaven without the Old Sin Nature or Human Good
 - iii. There will be no more sorrow, pain or death and will live face to face with the Lord.
 4. Grace is therefore the ENTIRE Plan of God but specifically here the inception of the plan at the cross and the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross.
- G. Grace comes before peace always Peace is a result of Grace.
1. Being justified by Faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. As a result of the grace provisions for Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God with Positive Volition we acquire our salvation and as a result have Peace with God.
 - i. No more barrier between Man and God after making Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 - ii. As a result of this Peace with God we can have the Peace of God surpassing all comprehension Phil 4:7
- H. After this salutation there is Thanksgiving
1. We are to give thanks in everything to God the Father under the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - i. We are not living until we can thank God for everything in our lifetime the Good, the Bad, and the Stupid.
 - ii. Every problem, heartache and and blessing we are to be thankful for and with this comes the understanding that although all things are not necessarily "GOOD", "all things do work together for the ultimate good" of completing the Plan of God for our lives.
 2. Prayer is here delineated as a great power and service and provision.
 - i. Prayer is part of the follow up of the indigenous missionary concept.
 - ii. In order to perpetuate Christianity in Thessalonica Paul who has left and is many hundreds of miles away from it is still remembering the group of believers there.
- I. There are 3 areas of prayer followup:
1. Work of Faith
 - i. As a result of use of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) believing the promises of God there is PRODUCTION.

- ii. The Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) is resting by Faith and trusting in the Lord who will bring things to pass.
- iii. As a result of resting you have effective PRODUCTION, there being first relaxation and then production.
- iv. The work of faith is the result of claiming the promises of God.
 - a. Lack of worry about anything often to the point of worrying about what we worry about and not remembering what that was. **1Pet 5:7**
 - b. We are to cast our problems on him into his hands for the battle is the lords.
 - c. As members of the Royal Family of God this is no longer our battle but HIS, after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God GOD IS OBLIGATED TO TAKE CARE OF US whether we are “good” Christians or “bad” Christians.
 - d. After Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is to take all our problems and hand them to him so he can take over.
 - e. The initial part of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) is to take any of the 7000+ promises and use them to handle our problems and with this we have production.
 - f. Moses said at the shore of the Red Sea, “Stand Still” or “Do Nothing” “and Watch the deliverance of the Lord, the Lord will fight for you today” because God Helps the Helpless
 - g. While they were standing there doing nothing they first saw a Cloud right down to the ground they could see the finest armored forces in the world moving across the desert toward them pursuing them.
 - h. Standing still this cloud went down just like a curtain between them and the army of Pharaoh and on the other side of the cloud was a Pillar of Fire and it held the chariots up while God delivered.
 - i. Then Moses stepped to the water and the water separated and over 2,000,000 people their cattle and all their belongings went through the red sea dry and this was the production of faith.
- v. Paul is therefore praying for them to be productive through faith since faith is the absence of Human works or merit and the production of Grace.

1Cor 15:10

v10: But by the grace of God I am what I am because of what he has provided, and in fact, His grace bestowed upon or toward me was not in vain or empty, but I labored more abundantly than all of them (apostles) yet not I but the Grace of God with me.

- vi. This does not mean Paul thinks he is great but recognizes that the Grace of God was not useless for him and non productive but he labored more than any others and was as a result very productive in the Spiritual Life.
- vii. Work and production can be physical or mental and the difference between physical labor work and investing labor work is Capital.

- viii. The difference between believers is that some use their capital and some do not.
- ix. Some do physical labor not for the pay they receive but for the exercise it provides for them and does not use his capital but lives on what he makes from physical labor.
- x. The believers who count for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ are those who use their capital of divine operating assets provided by God for them effectively.
- xi. Principle:
 - a. When we use divine operating assets of God's Capital THERE IS PRODUCTION.
 - b. This capital of God is USED as WORK OF FAITH.
 - c. This is the production which has its source in faith and it is the source of use of divine operating assets.

2. Labor of Love

- i. You cannot love everyone in human energy and when some people try they fall apart.
- ii. This is referring to Divine Love under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit which produces this love.
- iii. When God the Holy Spirit controls the soul there is production.

3. Patience of Hope

- i. This means to sit still and be immobile and what we must exercise in our bible study classes always.
- ii. Patience is absence of work or activity and perpetuation of function under the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories).
- iii. This means believing when things are hopeless and to keep claiming the promises of God and functioning under all parts of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) when the situation is 100% hopeless.
- iv. When there is no human solution you simply keep right on claiming the promises, building the doctrinal rationales and coming to doctrinal conclusions.

4. There is work involved in the 1st 2 areas but the 3rd has no connotation of work.

5. Paul is praying for them so that they:

- i. Produce through faith
- ii. Produce through Filling of God the Holy Spirit
 - a. This is the provision of energy and power in the Christian Way of Life.
 - b. God provides the assets and the power of God the Holy Spirit.

J. As a result of these 3 areas of prayer followup he says this is done in the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as hope for the future.

III. V4-5 is the foundation of the blue print church:

- A. Paul founded a model church in Thessalonica and perfect church and pattern for all churches.
- B. Divine provision is a reality but only becomes a blessing to us as we know it.

1. This information is to be transferred as knowledge from the bible to the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
- C. The Ideal local church is made up of BELIEVERS only who have in fact attained Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and are REGENERATE.
1. Not those who walk or sign or pledge of are baptized but only those who are members of the Royal Family of God.
 2. Every local church should do everything possible to ensure the fact that humanly speaking that their membership are members of the Royal Family of God ONLY.
- D. We are subject to the Love of God from the past and which will continue into the future as part of the Royal Family of God.
1. This cannot change nor let us go and it sent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to the cross for his Substitutionary Spiritual Death and which will sustain us in time and carry us through dying grace through the valley of the shadow of Death into eternity forever.
 2. Furthermore, we are not only the object of his love but this love of God for each believer is equal to the love he has for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 3. In the human realm Love requires hard work and great effort.
 4. Under the Grace of God and as part of the Royal Family of God we cannot work for or earn the love from God and it is infinite and immutable and eternal.
 5. This love is faithful always.
- E. Elections in our form of democratic government is to allow the individuals to express themselves through Ballots which is far better than expressing themselves through Bullets in revolutions.
1. We as believers in the Royal Family of God have an election as well.
 2. It is designed to reveal the character of God and is OUR ELECTION.
 3. If you have achieved Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone God the Father has cast the ballot for you and you are elected without any effort or work on YOUR part.
 4. This election took place in Eternity Past
- F. Doctrine of Election:
1. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the only member of the Human Race ever elected by God the Father.
 - i. In Eternity Past long before creation even occurred God existed in Essence and is:
 - a. Sovereign
 - b. Absolute Righteousness
 - c. Absolute Justice
 - d. Perfect Love
 - e. Omniscience
 - f. Omnipotence
 - g. Omnipresent
 - h. Eternal Life

- i. Immutable
 - ii. There are 3 separate and distinct personalities in the God head all which have these characteristics:
 - a. God the Father
 - b. God the Son
 - c. God the Holy Spirit
 - iii. These 3 are coequal, and co-eternal all with all the characteristics of the Essence of God.
2. These 3 in Eternity Past had a conference and in this conference God the Father elected God the Son **Is 42:1**

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v1: Behold my servant, whom I have sustained, my chosen one, elected to privilege to change history again and again, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him through indwelling and Filling of God the Holy Spirit as part of Logistical Grace, he will bring forth justice to the gentile nations.

- i. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as God can certainly NOT be a servant.
 - a. The only way for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to become a servant is for Him to become a member of the Human Race
 - b. All references to Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as servant is a reference to the humanity of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Phil 2
 - c. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ became a man and as a man became a servant and as a servant became OBEDIENT and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as God cannot be OBEDIENT but therefore had to become a member of the Human Race first and was obedient to Death.
 - ii. God the Father agreed to sustain and uphold Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in his humanity and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the ELECT of God the Father.
 - iii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the elected one of God the Father and before creation of Angelic Creatures, before creation of the universe, before the creation of man the omniscience of GOD anticipated the existence of sinful man and saw him as spiritually dead and that sin would result in spiritual death and this would be hopeless.
 - iv. Omniscience of God the Father Elected God the Son Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and as the elect one he came in Hypostatic Union and went to the cross to accomplish a Substitutionary Spiritual Death to provide the potential for all human beings to make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
3. The election took place in a 3 member conference which occurred in Eternity Past as part of the Divine Decree.
- i. This Eternal Life conference is or resulted in the Divine Decree
 - ii. The attendees were God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. In holding this conference God the Father cast his ballot **1Pet 1:2**

1Pet 1:2a

v2: Who are elect According to the foreknowledge of God the Father and sanctified by God the Holy Spirit for obedience to the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, may the grace and peace be multiplied to you for your very own benefit.

Eph 1:4

v4: Just or even as He, God the Father, has chose or elected us, as Royal Family of God, for himself in him (Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ) before the foundation or beginning of the world, Eternity Past, for the purpose that we should keep on being set apart to God or holy and even unblemished or blameless before or in the presence of him, God the Father, through the agency of LOVE.

- iv. At Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God God the Holy Spirit under the principle of Baptism of God the Holy Spirit enters all new believers into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - v. Sanctification means SET APART and we are entered into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and therefore Set Apart.
 - vi. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the only elected one from Eternity Past of God the Father and being in union with him we Share his Election and his Eternal Life and all that he has.
 - vii. We are only elected because we expressed faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and placed into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ by God the Holy Spirit.
4. Election is the possession of Every believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ **Col 3:12**
- i. As a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ you are elected before the foundation of the universe in Eternity Past because Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was elected and we are in union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - ii. Election is always based on a relationship with a specific person, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
5. Every believe shares the election of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ **Rom 8:28**

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v28: THEREFORE, WE, Consistently Advancing Believers in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God in Super-Grace or Ultra Super-Grace, HAVE LEARNED DOGMATICALLY, SUDDENLY REALIZED, LEARNED TO KNOW or PERCEIVE from reverse concentration, IN FACT, THAT TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE MATURE BELIEVERS persisting in Occupation with the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ, WHO LOVE THE UNIQUE GOD, from Reciprocal Love for God Motivation, HE, GOD, CAUSES ALL THINGS, Blessing, Adversity, and Undeserved Suffering in time , to continue TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD OF INTRINSIC VALUE Equation of Hope Plan of God, TO the advantage of THOSE, both individual mature believers and the client nation, ONLY, WHO ARE ELECTED ACCORDING TO PRIVILEGE, Royal Family of God, forming the pivot, AS A PART OR ON THE BASIS OF A PREDETERMINED PLAN (Execution of the Equation of Hope Plan of God, $X + Y + Z = \text{Maximum Glorification of God}$).

Rom 8:29

v29: BECAUSE WE believers in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God KNOW, from doctrine, THAT WHOM HE, GOD THE FATHER, HAS FOREKNOWN before hand in his thinking from Eternity Past, HE ALSO DECIDED BEFOREHAND, PREDESIGNED, FOREORDAINED OR PREDESTINED US into the perfect Plan of God for our life; TO BE CONFORMED ONES, as Royal Family of God in the Church Age through the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit, TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON (who provided our Spiritual Life), IN ORDER THAT HE, Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ, MIGHT BECOME THE FIRST BORN through resurrection, ascension and session to the right hand of God, AMONG MANY BROTHERS of the Royal Family of God.

Rom 8:30

v30: AND, we know that, WHOM HE, GOD THE FATHER, DECIDED BEFOREHAND, PREDESIGNED, FOREORDAINED OR PREDESTINED, providing a plan for us to share all Christ had in Hypostatic Union, THESE SAME ONES, MATURE CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS, as Royal Family of God, HE ALSO ELECTED TO PRIVILEGE, giving responsibility for execution of the plan, MOREOVER OR ALSO THESE SAME ONES HE ALSO JUSTIFIED OR DECLARED RIGHTEOUS OR VINDICATED at the point of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and execution of the Spiritual Life, and whom he justified THESE SAME ONES, HE ALSO GLORIFIED or gave a share of glory from imputed blessing in time and eternity.

- i. Not all things in life are GOOD but some cause difficulty, heartache and misery but GOD causes them to work together for the ultimate good of completion of the Plan of God for our lives.
 - ii. We share the destiny of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in foreordination and predestination.
 - iii. As a result of this we are “called” which is to be elected and every believer shares the election of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - iv. We are conformed to the image of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as a result of being in union with him as a part of the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit.
 - v. As a result of being in union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ we are called justified or glorified because of being in union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the GLORIFIED ONE.
- 6. Election occurs at the moment of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God **1Cor 1:9, 24, 26-28**
- 7. Election is the foundation of the church **1Thes 1:4**
- G. The Human Appropriation:
 - 1. The Gospel is good news but it is NOT good news that we are all sinners and the penalty of sin is Death.
 - 2. The Good news is that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ went to the cross to accomplish a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for each of us with regard to all sin.
 - 3. This GOOD NEWS belongs to each of us and no matter how dark the world situation gets the brighter is the good news of the gospel.
 - i. The fact is that to help the Human Race we must pass on the gospel.
- H. You can live the life of the Christian before the unbeliever but YOU MUST declare the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to them as well.
 - 1. The Life and the Words must go together.
 - 2. You have to have the perspective of the greatness of the Gospel in order to provide this information to others.
 - 3. God the Holy Spirit is the one responsible for taking all information regarding the gospel and making it perspicacious to the unbeliever.
 - 4. We must also witness under the power of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit not human energy.
 - 5. No matter what your personality is when you talk about the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ you no longer have to be ordinary but you are a royal ambassador for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ representing the GOOD NEWS.
 - 6. We have the most important good news the world has ever known the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and his physical death thereafter with resurrection and ascension.
 - 7. This is available as Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God to whomever CHOOSES to express FAITH alone in Him alone.

8. Never become apologetic for talking about Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ no matter the venue and have always the utmost confidence in the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 9. Confidence means stability and power in life.
- I. This all resulted in the rising up of a great local church in Thessalonica with new converts and Bible Doctrine sending missionaries out all over the world.
1. It evangelized all of Greece and sent missionaries everywhere declaring and preaching Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. In the next generation the whole of the Roman empire would be evangelized into God's eternal kingdom.

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v1: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the advantage of the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

1Thes 1:2

v2: We keep on giving thanks to God, the eternal sovereign ruler of the universe provider of GRACE, always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

1Thes 1:3

v3: Constantly bearing in mind, remembering without ceasing, your work of faith or doctrine and labor of love and courage under pressure from hope in our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ for the future in the presence or sight of God the Father.

1Thes 1:4

v4: Knowing from Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul, Brethren, Believers, having been loved in the past with the result that we keep on receiving love forever, Keep knowing and never forget the election to privilege of God for you.

1Thes 1:5

v5: for our gospel of the Good News of the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross, came to you not in word ONLY, but also in inherent divine omnipotent power and through God the Holy Spirit under common and efficacious grace, (John 15:11) and with full conviction or confidence. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Lesson #2 Series # 461 1Thes 1:6

- I. Paul as the human author of several of the epistles wrote:
- A. Thessalonians 1&2 written on his 2nd missionary journey these are both Eschatological Epistles.
 - B. On the 3rd Missionary Journey he wrote Galatians, Corinthians 1&2, Romans the Soteriological epistles.
 - C. During his first Roman imprisonment he wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon the epistles of Christology
 - D. During his 2nd Roman imprisonment he wrote Timothy 1&2 and Titus, the epistles of Ecclesiology
 - E. There is a definitive progression of Theology in the order of the writing of the Pauline Epistles.
- II. In Thessalonians we find that Paul had made a good start with these believers in giving them the gospel and teaching them Bible Doctrine. Acts 17
- A. He spent at least 3 weeks there and most likely longer and started a church and got it functioning properly so that they did a great job of evangelizing throughout the ancient world.

- B. He sent Timothy back to this local church and when he returned he had some difficulties to report which Timothy had corrected when there.
 - 1. In addition they were mixed up about the rapture of the church.
 - 2. Some were making false doctrinal application thinking that the rapture would happen soon and as a result they divested themselves of all their personal belongings and businesses.
 - C. The Lord has something for each of us to do each and every day and we are not to sit around and wait for the rapture to occur.
 - 1. Whatever your occupation in life God intends to use this to serve him.
 - D. There were bullies in the church to be dealt with and there was a problem of misapplication of spiritual gift doctrines
 - 1. Also problems with certain doctrines like Election and others.
- III. Thessalonika was a major city in the Roman empire located on the Ignatian Way a main Roman highway.
- A. It had some 200,000 people and was a seaport and a famous commercial city.
 - B. The local church was founded Acts 17
- IV. Review
- A. The Salutation, Thanksgiving, and Prayer v1-3
 - 1. We are personally benefited as believers when we Pray for OTHERS.
 - B. Foundation of the Church and the Doctrine of Election v4-5
 - C. Knowledge is that which is taken into the Human Spirit and transferred to the Left Lobe of the Soul and then to the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul for application to life.
- V. The Indigenous operation of the local church in Thessalonika
- A. Reception of the Word of God
 - 1. It is only as believers take in Bible Doctrine into the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul that they become successful in evangelizing anyone.
 - i. This is not the kind of missionary work which is generally done today.
 - ii. This missionary work is where the missionary takes the indigenous population and takes a few believers who have Positive Volition to the gospel and Bible Doctrine and teach them doctrine and how to evangelize and teach others and then send them out to the world.
 - iii. Today we do not have nor follow this process in our missionary functions.
 - iv. This has resulted in communism and islam reaching many areas where the gospel has been declared in the past and we had not followed up with it.
 - v. This is seen in the PROHIBITION of military personnel in the middle east even having or keeping visible a bible while on deployment.
 - vi. There is only one way to function as a missionary and this is God's Way and the first big problem is that there are too many people going on what they call missionary trips to other countries.
 - vii. Most of these people have not clue about doctrines important to evangelism and teaching Bible Doctrine to the population.
 - viii. There is no screening of these people and they fail in almost all cases.

- ix. The biggest problem of missionaries is that they are on the mission field without knowledge of Bible Doctrine.
- x. The only knowledge that most have is from legalistic educational systems in Christian schools.
- xi. Christians generally are not prepared for any service functions in life including being a missionary, a wife, a factory worker, in a shop or on a campus being devoid of Bible Doctrine.

B. This church in Thessalonika is a blue print church and Paul evangelized them and then GAVE THEM DOCTRINE Acts 17.

- 1. The biggest complaint against this local church is that they were literally turning the whole world upside down having been trained to go out and reach people everywhere who then reached other people and so on etc.
- 2. This resulted in saturation of the ancient world with the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- 3. This was a successful local church not because of volunteers or altar calls but because they were trained in Bible Doctrine and were motivated from it to witness to many many others.
- 4. There should be NO emotional involvement which is misleading and it should never be presented that EVERYONE should do missionary service.

VI. The Indigenous Church at Thessalonika

A. You cannot have an indigenous local church with successful missionary service function apart from Perception, Cognition, Incultation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine.

- 1. Paul was the leader of the local church establishment and missionary group.
- 2. Silas the song leader and worker
- 3. Timothy a messenger boy doing odd jobs and learning Bible Doctrine.

B. When they went to Thessalonika they found 0 Christians

- 1. These 3 evangelized by witnessing to individuals and brought about 50 people to Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
- 2. Then they stayed in town and trained these people with more and more Bible Doctrine.
- 3. When they left this group was organized into a local church.

C. Believers are always benefited by RECEIVING Bible Doctrine and as a result we all become imitators of great believers and the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

- 1. It is RECEIVING of Bible Doctrine which makes it possible for the believers to become powerful useful productive believers.
- 2. These believers in Thessalonika became imitators of Paul and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ because of Perception, Cognition, Incultation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine NOT because they observed and mimicked Paul.
- 3. Their imitation was in the thought pattern, the Spiritual Life, use of Faith Rest Drill (4 categories), Rebound when needed, Occupation with the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ when possible.
- 4. They became imitators of all this AFTER they received the Bible Doctrine taught by Paul.

- D. This occurred for them “UNDER PRESSURE” and in the sphere of adversity.
 - 1. These believers were persecuted mercilessly and when they had learned a great deal of Bible Doctrine some would go out to other areas of the ancient world.
 - 2. They went to areas where the people were wild and barbarian like and had a great deal of pressure.
 - 3. They were trained under pressure which taught them to use the word of God like in **Rom 8:28, Is 41:10, Ps 37:4-5, Matt 21:22.**
 - 4. Paul did make a great many stops between Thessalonika and Athens and between Athens and Corinth but the people from Thessalonika went to all these areas and evangelized the people there.
 - 5. This is the same principle which all military units use today with FAST attacks with armor and followed by infantry to clean up.
 - 6. This is what Paul did in evangelizing a few and then training them and moving on and so on and so on ...
 - 7. He left the cleanup of heathenism to those he left behind in these areas.
- E. There must be reception of Bible Doctrine and there must be training and there must be pressure to consolidate and use Bible Doctrine.
 - 1. There is nothing like pressure to cause the believer to get and use Bible Doctrine as he gets it.
 - 2. Paul’s missionary team functioned by evangelizing and then training a few and then moving on to other areas.
 - 3. His team was frequently sent back to areas already converted to clear up any problems and keep the local churches moving ahead.
 - 4. Many of the epistles of Paul were written as a result of the reports which Paul received from his team.
- F. Reception of Bible Doctrine is accompanied by Inner Happiness
 - 1. For us as believers this means that no matter how great our adversities, afflictions, heartaches, trials or problems the most difficult circumstances of life can be accompanied by INNER HAPPINESS.

VII. The Blue Print Church

- A. All the evangelism and bible classes and training which was given to these believer is all gathered together to display the local church as a blue print for all churches.
 - 1. This is the believers becoming Imitators by consistent Perception, Cognition, Incultation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine.
 - 2. The ideal blue print church is where the believers take in Bible Doctrine after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God consistently and gain in Spiritual Growth and then go out and use what they now know.
- B. All those who believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ:
 - 1. It is to the advantage of the unbeliever to express faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.

VIII. Amplification of how to become a blue print church

- A. v6 receiving the word of God, Bible Doctrine, in many parallel situations under pressure accompanied by inner happiness from God the Holy Spirit.

1. Many people listen to Bible Doctrine but do not metabolize it and do not like it are just trying to appease someone else.
- B. Missionary Activity is the result of receiving Bible Doctrine not from having a promoter.
 1. It is the responsibility of the Pastor Teacher to teach Bible Doctrine and not to promote missions which will promote themselves when Bible Doctrine is assimilated.
 2. Once taught and prepared properly missions should function in any city in this country were there are colleges and at times out side of the continental limits of this nation.

IX. The source of evangelism of the ancient world.

- A. There were Many converts starting in Thessalonika and these believers have converted others and they others on and on.
 1. When someone evangelizes another person it is ULTIMATELY the ministry of God the Holy Spirit and the principle of GRACE.
 2. The Grace of God is thereby received throughout the world.
 3. The evangelism which occurred from Thessalonika occurred IN EVERY PLACE indicating WORLD WIDE Evangelism.

Acts 17:5

v5: But the Jews which believed not or were not persuaded with regard to Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, were moved with envy or became jealous, associated with, for the purpose of using them, certain evil men or unemployed troublemakers of the marketplace, and formed a mob or rabble, and incited a riot or caused a commotion or disturbed the peace, and assaulted or destroyed or tore down the house of Jason, and sought to bring them (Paul and Silas) to the people.

Acts 17:6

v6: And when they found them not, they dragged Jason by the heels and certain brethren unto the Politarchs or rulers of the city, screaming or yelling, "These men that have turned the world upside down {Bible Doctrine changes people thus the world} are come-hither also".

4. While Paul was still in Thessalonika some believers were put on the spot regarding evangelism.
5. Paul and his associates were turning the world upside down with the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Bible Doctrine teaching and then Paul came to Thessalonika and when he was there and when he left the believers there were doing what he was doing in turning the world upside down.
6. When you witness to others and provide the gospel to which they respond do not forget to add a followup for their spiritual growth with the concepts of rebound, Faith Rest Drill (4 categories), Eternal Security, living in the principles of Bible Doctrine, ETC.
- B. The result of this multiplying evangelism and doctrinal teaching is that whenever Paul goes somewhere in the ancient world known or unknown where he thought there would be no believers he finds believers already there who got it from others whom he has already evangelized.
 1. This is where your students come up and beat you to the process of declaring the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. So that when Paul went out to evangelize and gets to another place he finds some have already been converted.

- C. Many people even today leave their heathen practices here temples and walk out on heathenism but they do not serve the Lord as a result.
 - 1. They reason these believer turned to serving the Lord was a result of v6, receiving Bible Doctrine into the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - 2. This is why this church is a blue print for all proper functioning churches.
- D. The other factor of the greatness of this local church was a result of their NOT ignoring prophecy.
 - 1. There can be NO effective evangelism until a believer gets straightened out on eschatology and prophecy is a motivating factor in correct witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - 2. One of the clearest ways to emphasize the importance of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God is to explain the prophecy of the Great White Throne Judgment or Last judgment.
 - i. The 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the differing from the rapture of the church.
 - 3. Believers to effectively witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and be a part of an effective missionary service function MUST anticipate the rapture of the church and the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - 4. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is in heaven sitting at the right hand of God the Father and there will be a time when he comes OUT FROM heaven to meet us in the air at the rapture of the church and resurrection of all believers.
- E. The importance of v10 is that it delineates clearly that the Church will not go through the Tribulation period of history but will be resurrected or taken up in the rapture BEFORE the tribulation.
 - 1. This means that GOD always keeps his dispensations straight even if we screw them up.
 - 2. The tribulation is the completion of the Age of Israel and is for evangelization of Israel.
 - 3. In the Church Age God uses the believers in the Church Age to evangelize today whereas during the Age of Israel it was the responsibility of the Jews to maintain the word of God and evangelize the world.
 - 4. The Jews have remaining 7 years of the Age of Israel under which they are to be responsible for evangelizing the world and this is the tribulation period.
 - 5. When Israel stopped evangelizing the church began and when the church is removed then Israel will continue with 144000 Jews evangelizing in the tribulation.
 - 6. The book of revelation explains clearly in its structure that the church is NOT in the tribulation at all.
 - i. Chapters 2-3 the church on Earth
 - ii. Chapters 4-5 the church removed and in heaven
 - iii. Chapters 6-19 the Tribulation after this
 - iv. The church is NOT found in the tribulation.
 - v. 7 times in chapters 2-3 we hear “let him who has an ear let him hear what the spirit says to the CHURCHES”

- vi. In chapter 13 we hear “he who has an ear let him hear what the spirit says”
NOT TO THE CHURCHES because the church is not in the tribulation.
- F. The Day of the Lord, **2Thes 2:2**
- G. The Immanency of the Rapture, **Tit 2:13, 1Cor 1:7**
- H. The Remnant of the Tribulation, **1Thes 3:13, Jude 14**
 - 1. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ returns to the earth WITH his saints
 - 2. **Zech 14**, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ comes to deliver Saints
 - 3. There are therefore 2 sets of SAINTS ones set apart to God.
 - 4. Tribulational saints ON THE EARTH who are delivered by Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - 5. Church Age Saints who return with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- I. Nature of the Tribulation and its purpose to bring Judgment on a Christ rejecting world and have the gleanings after the harvest of souls in the Church Age and to provide time for Israel to finish their evangelistic responsibilities.
 - 1. This means of course that the church cannot go through the tribulation because they are 2 entirely separate entities representing the Lord to the world.
 - 2. Under the Age of Israel you have a specialized priesthood
 - 3. Under the Church Age you have a universal priesthood
 - 4. Under Age of Israel you have a few indwelt by God the Holy Spirit
 - 5. Under the Church Age all believers are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit
 - 6. Under the Age of Israel you have a few prophets proclaiming the word of God such as Jeremiah and Isaiah
 - 7. Under the Church Age every believer is a minister and witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- J. There is the whole concept of the activity of the church in heaven which makes it impossible for the church to go through the tribulation and face the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ at the same time and fulfill **Rev 19:6-8** the marriage of the lamb.
 - 1. Also interval of Rev 4-5 and the principle of 1Thes 4:16 the “Dead IN CHRIST” technically referring to the believers in the Church Age Royal Family of God.

1Thes 1:6

v6: You (Believers) also became imitators of us, Paul & other Mature Believers, and of the Lord (in the Prototype Spiritual Life) as a result of having received, accepted, learned, understood and applied the word or Bible Doctrine to their advantage in much tribulation or Great pressure, personal or historical disaster, with or accompanied by Sharing the Inner Happiness of God inspired by God the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)

1Thes 1:7

v7: with the result that you became an example, blue print, form, pattern, or mold to all the believers in Macedo'nia of northern Greece and in Acha'ia of southern Greece.

1Thes 1:8

v8: For not only has the word of the Lord, the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, thundered out, blasted out like a trumpet, sounded out loud and clear from the original source of you in the past and continues to do so in Macedo'nia and Acha'ia, but your faith in God and his promises has gone forth in every place, so that we do not have a need to speak anything.

1Thes 1:9

v9: For they themselves, who have made Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God as a result of someone from Thessalonika, keep on reporting, 2nd and 3rd hand, concerning us what a welcome we had face to face with you, and how you Thessalonians turned to God from idols, to keep on serving a living and true God,

1Thes 1:10

v10: and to wait with keen anticipation and expectation for his Son to come out from heaven to meet us in the air at the resurrection, whom he, God the Father, raised out from the dead, Jesus who delivers us out from the wrath about to come in the tribulation.

Lesson #3 Series # 461 5/15/2019 1Thes 2:1

- I. Who is a missionary
 - A. It is not necessarily someone who crosses water or goes to a foreign land where the language is unfamiliar to them though some do this.
 - B. A missionary is a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ who lives a normal Christian Way of Life and is witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 1. The world is turned upside down not by men behind the pulpits but by the believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ witnessing for Christ.
 2. As far as the bible is concerned the pattern for the believer is one of witnessing and every believer has this responsibility.
 3. This is not a specialty of some with communication spiritual gifts but of every believer.
 - C. Witnessing involves speaking to others with regard to the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 1. The gospel belongs to every believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. In addition it came in the power of God the Holy Spirit **Acts 1:8**
 3. In assurance with regard to knowing the gospel and that those who receive the gospel with Positive Volition toward the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross they will have Eternal Life and Eternal Security.
 4. Witnessing with the life as to the type of person who is witnessing.
- II. The Pattern of Personal Work:
 - A. v1-12 the presentation of the gospel
 - B. v13-16 the response to the gospel
 - C. v17-19 the reward.
- III. Principle:
 - A. You must make **EFFECTIVE CONTACT** with the unbeliever and you cannot wander around in an ivory tower haze above all others and wait for someone to see you and believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 1. This is obviously a false idea.
 2. So many Christians have very little contact with the unbeliever and even when they do it is only for business reasons or a few light social contacts.
 - i. If you are going to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ you must go where the unbelievers are located.
 3. You do not as a rule find many unbelievers in the local church and the local church is **NOT** where the unbelievers gather and were the preacher gives the gospel and they all run forward to believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i. Only about 3% of unbelievers ever even get into a church and the local church is designed to **FEED** and **EDIFY** believer in the doctrines of God and the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ though it is included is only a **MINOR** part of what is to occur in the local church.

- ii. The principle is the believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ get fed doctrine in the local church and then go out and make their life their pulpit and declare the gospel wherever they may go.
4. Wherever you happen to be in life that is where you should witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ wherever you run into the unbeliever.
 - i. YOU MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH THE unbelievers {(ff) However remember it is NOT your place as a believer to try to shove the gospel of Christ or any other doctrinal principles down the throat of the unbeliever and THEY must ask for it in some way}.
 - ii. We know that the unbeliever does not go to the believer but when contact is made the unbeliever must in some way indicate an interest in GOD and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
5. It is to the advantage of the unbeliever to have the gospel declared to them and it is NOT a vain, hollow, empty, or fruitless effort when the unbeliever you contact expresses Positive Volition at gospel hearing as it did in the case of Paul.
 - i. When we leave the unbeliever after declaration of the gospel of Christ Jesus they MUST have a clear understanding of what the gospel means and that Positive Volition with Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone WILL result in Eternal Life salvation and Eternal Security and failure to do so will result in eternal residence in the Lake of Fire, condemnation.
6. You will have contact with the unbeliever and your contact will only be effective as you declare the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to them.
 - i. There are many believer who have not desire to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and they have a very limited fellowship with other believers and listen to doctrine at times and are blessed by it but this is NOT the final answer in itself.
 - ii. There is ONE thing missing in this comfortable life situation for the believer and that is "What do you do with your contact with unbelievers"?
 - iii. Bringing them into the local church to hear the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ or taking them to a friend who has a better understanding of doctrinal principles is NOT the resolution of YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A BELIEVER.
7. The responsibility of EVERY believer is the declaration of the gospel in their personal vocabulary and with their personal understanding and is 1000x more effective than the gospel declared by some other person.
 - i. WE each as believers are witnesses for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and GOD has entrusted us with the gospel and he EXPECTS compound interest since he has provided everything we need to be effective.
 - ii. We must question ourselves as to, what do we do, what do we think of and what is our objective when around the unbeliever.
 - iii. When around the unbeliever we may want to do business with them or some such thing but we should be thinking that this is a person for whom Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for.

- iv. When around the unbeliever do we ask God to provide an OPENING to bring the conversation around to God, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the gospel.
 - v. Do you have this in mind and have concern for declaring the gospel of Christ Jesus to ever unbeliever.
8. The Gospel is GOOD news all the way through and has been the same and declared the same since Adam and Ishah were in the garden and accepted Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to come, and it has never failed to save even one and this is the most wonderful thing in all the universe which will survive even the destruction of the universe after the Great White Throne Judgment.
- i. We must be enthusiastic about it and NEVER should we be ashamed of it.
 - ii. NEVER say anything to anyone about the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ unless you have some inner enthusiasm about Christ and Christianity.
 - iii. NEVER mention Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to anyone if you are ashamed to do so since if you are ashamed then you will be apologetic about him and HE as God of the universe controlling all Human History NEEDS NO APOLOGY FROM ANYONE.
 - iv. God requires that we witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and if you cannot do so with enthusiasm then wait until you are and in the mean time be prepared to take your Divine Discipline.
9. REMEMBER, EFFECTIVE CONTACT means that you must make the issue clear and declaring in a positive stabilized manner the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ never being ashamed of him or its marvelous content since EACH OF US have Eternal Life in exactly the same way.
- i. Some are not enthusiastic about life but that is another problem which will be seen later on.
- B. The Gospel must be presented IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION.
- 1. You can expect opposition from within and without.
 - 2. V2 explains what had occurred to Paul and his group at Philippi BEFORE he came to Thessalonika.
 - i. Before he came to Thessalonika Satan tried to cut Paul off at Philippi by arousing some religious people there who got all upset at Paul for preaching the gospel and they dragged Paul and Silas into the market place.
 - ii. There they beat them up and railroaded before the judge who observed how the crowd felt about these men and threw them into Jail and they were scourged with Roman whips and put into the bottom dungeon.
 - iii. While there they sang praises to the Lord and held prayer meeting and as a result God shook the jail and the jailer who believed in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ that night.
 - iv. Paul took an awful beating in Philippi and whipped and then put into the dungeon and in spite of all this Paul still moved on to Thessalonika and continued witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

3. Paul was faithful unto the Lord and he did not feel good his back was whipped to having the skin removed and he did not complain about that but moved on to Thessalonika.
 - i. Some Christians have a bad experience in witnessing and someone embarrasses or laughs at them, by ridiculing them or some such thing and they give up trying to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - ii. These people are cut off by this means from witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - iii. Satan tried to cut Paul off at Philippi so that he could not make it to Thessalonika which became the Ideal Church.
 4. Wherever you declare the gospel YOU WILL RECEIVE OPPOSITION AND HAVING A BAD EXPERIENCE OR 2 SHOULD NOT CUT YOU OFF FROM WITNESSING.
 - i. What you do today by way of witnessing and if you find yourself embarrassed or discouraged get right up and MOVE ON to more witnessing.
 - ii. The insolence of the crowd in Philippi under Satan's motivation tried to keep Paul from continuing to Thessalonika and from continuing to declare the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 5. Even after all this opposition Paul moved right down the Ignatian highway to Thessalonika Paul was BOLD and continued to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and this was the the benefit of both the Thessalonian believers and PAUL.
 - i. It was Paul's purpose as he entered, remained in and left the city to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 6. ?? Do you continue to declare the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to others IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION??
 - i. The most wonderful marvelous message in the whole of Human History and one which the world NEEDS is the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - ii. YOU must never fold up because of some opposition to the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - iii. This is our gospel and we must present it.
- C. The Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ must NEVER be compromised or watered down.
1. The gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the most marvelous glorious GOOD news in all the world and even when Paul gave it, it was very well received despite his having very little personal appeal.
 2. There are 3 things which you cannot have which hinder the enthusiastic declaration of the gospel.
 - i. Deceit; The gospel must be presented accurately and if there is anything which will ruin the declaration of the gospel it is to be inaccurate in its declaration.

- a. By indicating or implying that the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross was insufficient for salvation.
 - b. You can be inaccurate by implying that you must experience guilt of feel sorry for your sins, or that you must join a church or that you must be baptized, or that you must keep the law, or that you must walk the isle or raise your hands or sign a card or yield your body or give money to be saved.
 - c. This takes enthusiasm from the gospel and it is NOT good news that one has to give up bad habits to be saved and this not only makes it wrong but also removes any persuasiveness one might have in making an approach with the gospel.
 - d. Whatever merit all these things might have they are not part of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and when Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ underwent his Substitutionary Spiritual Death he said at its completion "IT IS FINISHED" and we cannot add anything to it.
 - e. All we can do is accept this gift and do so by FAITH ALONE IN Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ ALONE as this is the ABSENCE of merit.
 - f. To detract from the gospel and keep member of the Human Race from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God all that is needed is to make people think they must DO SOMETHING for Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 - ii. Never try to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ when you are in carnality.
 - a. It only takes a moment of time to function under the rebound procedure and return to fellowship with God in order to have the power of God the Holy Spirit at your disposal again.
 - iii. Guile or Huxter was the tavern keeper who watered down his wine as his patrons become more inebriated.
 - a. This is what many believer do in presenting the gospel and watering it down with inaccuracies and false statements or they bring in the social gospel with social reform and legalism or philosophical concepts.
- D. The believer in whom the gospel is deposited is tested by God.
1. The Gospel is deposited in YOU as a believer and like a bank the gospel deposited in YOU is to bear compound interest.
 2. You as a believer will be tested in order to help you present the gospel to others.
 3. Frequently when the unbeliever sees us in the midst of our trials of life and adversities and difficulties in life with perfect stability and peace and blessing which is our portion he often will have his interest peaked for the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

4. As believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ with whom the gospel has been deposited by God we RECEIVE these testings for the purpose of BLESSING and this is a part of his GRACE.
 - i. Many of our difficulties are blessings in disguise in the form of adversity.
 - ii. They are a reality to open the door for witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and declaring the gospel.
5. When we hear the gospel one time and respond we make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God
 - i. Many times after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God we hear the gospel again and the more we hear it the CLEARER the principles of the gospel should become.
 - a. First we hear that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for our sins
 - b. Then we learn about propitiation, and reconciliation and justification and imputation and redemption, and regeneration and understood all this.
 - c. Thus the more we hear the gospel the more the facets of the gospel become clear and understandable to us and the greater should be the bearing of our compound interest of the gospel.
 - ii. This is the parable of the Talents which represent the gospel and some who had the talent brought in 30x interest, and some brought in 10x interest and some buried his talent and when the Lord came back he dug it up and presented it to the Lord saying "Look I still believe in the gospel".
 - a. This one had no interest produced and therefore there is no reward or blessing for those who have nothing to show for their lack of presentation of the gospel.
 - b. This one will be a PEON in eternity and his talent or reward for eternity which is taken away and added to one who has made great progress and production.
6. We create compound interest of the gospel by SPEAKING it to others.
 - i. We must do this ourselves and our speaking must be a reality in order for us to bear compound interest.
 - ii. Like a sales man or fisherman the believer MUST GO TO THE unbeliever to be able to have any openings to present the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - iii. This is the demonstration of our Enthusiasm, and we see the devil's advocates most often having far greater enthusiasm than the Christian and they have nothing to sell.
 - iv. {{ff}I have recently seen a moslem woman who has been elected to congress expressing her thoughts openly on HOW TO MAKE AMERICA TOTALLY MOSLEM.}
 - v. You cannot sell anything which you are not enthusiastic about, {{ff} having taught at every conceivable level in our education system I have witnessed

men stand before a class of adults and READ from a text book with absolutely ZERO enthusiasm and the only reason they could even be there in a class is because it was required}.

- vi. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the only way to relationship with God and Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and the whole world must have it.
- E. When we present the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ we DO NOT speak to people in a way to PLEASE them.
1. We do not change the way we speak when approaching different people when we present the gospel.
 2. We must do this as unto the Lord and the unbeliever does not like the gospel and the Human Viewpoint is to reject the gospel.
 3. The gospel is GRACE and is contrary to everything we have ever learned or said or heard.
 - i. As a result many people have the idea that you must orient to the person to whom you are speaking in order to present the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in terms they are used to and THIS IS FALSE.
 - ii. It is ridiculous to think that to witness to a person a believer must know the subject that person is expert in.
 4. The believer must know his subject, the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and this is the problem with most witnessing for Christ today the witnessing believer does not know the details of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i. We don't ever try to please men but we also do not try to insult them.
 - ii. The unbeliever with his Human Viewpoint will not like the gospel and he will put up a phony front but the gospel presented properly will penetrate any barrier.
 5. We all have an Old Sin Nature and as a result we all like to be well thought of by others and t his is perfectly normal.
 - i. We all like to receive complements and some go to unusual lengths and become approbation mad and want everyone to think well of them and as a result they ONLY go out to witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ so that other Christians will think they are a nice person.
 - ii. This is a system of bragging without appearing to brag and brings approbation from other believers.
 - iii. This is being done to PLEASE other believers not the Lord and he has no concept that the gospel is GOOD NEWS and must be given to others.
 - iv. This person has found a way to get attention from others and knows they will never be lonely again as long as they can tell others how great was their effort to get out the gospel
 - v. In some churches they keep track of your witnessing.
 - vi. The gospel is GOOD NEWS and it is the MESSAGE of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth,

the Christ alone which counts not filling our a score sheet for your local church.

- F. We must please GOD when we present the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - 1. In order to accomplish this we must stick to the subject and make it clear and understandable for salvation.
 - 2. We must do this, as with all things as a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, as unto the Lord and not for any other reason.
 - 3. Until you learn to witness as unto the Lord your witnessing will not amount to much but since GOD MUST HONOR HIS WORD, always remember to QUOTE scripture so God can honor his word and use it despite what you might say.
 - 4. There is no problem to people declaring their witnessing experiences to others and help others to witness along the way provided that it is a bonifide way to help others with their witnessing and NOT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON SELF.
- G. The believer in whom the gospel is deposited is TESTED by God.
- H. The believer should never witness to flatter others or receive praise to himself.
 - 1. Witnessing is not designed to flatter others but to bring the unbelievers in the Human Race to the point of understanding that Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God is ONLY through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.

1Thes 2:1

v1: For you yourselves know, as believers, that our visit to you was not in vain, hollow, empty, or fruitless;

1Thes 2:2

v2: But even after having suffered previously or before and having received shameful or insolent treatment at Philip'pi, as you know we were bold or had courage to declare to you the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the face of great opposition.

1Thes 2:3

v3: For our exhortation or persuasive or enthusiastic discourse or declaration concerning the Gospel, was not from deceit or error, nor carnality, nor was it made with guile by watering it down with false concepts;

1Thes 2:4

v4: but just as we have been tested in the past for the purpose of approval by God, with result of opening doors for witnessing which go on forever, for the purpose of approved by the unbeliever, because put in trust, entrusted or having received the deposit in us of the gospel, therefore we speak, not as trying to please men or people, but to please God who tests our hearts.

Lesson #4 Series # 461 5/17/2019 1Thes 2:5

- I. Pattern of Personal Evangelism:
 - A. As believers we have deposited in us the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Bible Doctrine.
 - 1. The Gospel is the GOOD NEWS that by faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone we can acquire and retain Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and Eternal Security.
 - B. One of our primary purposes to remain on this earth is to gain in the knowledge of Bible Doctrine the thinking of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and disseminate to others the gospel of Christ.
 - 1. We have the privilege of passing on to the Human Race the most important information that any man can ever received, that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross for all human sins and to have Eternal Life with him all that is required is FAITH alone.

2. This is the responsibility of every believer and this is why the Thessalonians were such great believers having disseminated the gospel throughout the ancient world.
 3. The presentation of the gospel by believers is dependent on Effective Contact with the unbeliever and the subsequent communication of the Gospel of Christ.
 4. No one can communicate apart from the ability to do so by means of learning a new language or going to another location or even using an interpreter.
 5. The Gift of tongues was given so that where language barrier had existed those hearing the gospel could hear it in their own language and understand it.
- C. The gospel must be presented in spite of intense opposition.
1. The greater the concentration of gospel presentation the greater will be the opposition as this is the world ruled by Satan.
- D. The gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ must never be compromised, demphasized or watered down with false issues.
- E. The believer in whom the gospel is deposited is tested by God for the purpose of blessing him in his life.
- F. The believer should never witness to flatter others or receive human praise v5-6
1. Witnessing is one of the great functions in the Christian Way of Life but it is possible to do a right thing like witnessing in a wrong way.
 2. This would be witnessing when out of fellowship and carnal, therefore to do this in the energy of the flesh and for human approbation and praise. **Matt 6:1-18**
 3. It is possible to use the word of God to flatter others but to do so requires compromise to the doctrinal content of the word.
 4. The Right Lobe of man is deceitful above all else and man possesses the Old Sin Nature genetically passed down from Adam and he personally sins as a result of having the Old Sin Nature does not put man in a very good light.
 5. Before the gospel can be presented MAN must be seen from the perspective of Divine Viewpoint and when this occurs it certainly eliminates the do good and human brotherhood concepts and that man is a noble creature and from the Divine Viewpoint man is a hopeless creature and not at all noble.
 6. The very heart and center of the gospel is that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross for all sinners and this implies that ALL men are sinners and NEEDED this work of Christ.
 7. No one can present the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and simultaneously be complementary to man and man's viewpoints of life.
 8. The biblical viewpoint of man is NOT AT ALL flattering and in having studied the Divine Viewpoint of man it is very difficult to go along with the universal brotherhood of man and that man is nice and good at heart and all men will go into heaven together.
 9. When Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ came to this world he came to DIE in Substitutionary Spiritual Death for sinners and if man is just a lovely creature and all men are brothers it was useless for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to come and go to the cross.

10. It is therefore not possible to be witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and simultaneously be flattering to the people we are witnessing to.
 11. Witnessing should be simple, “ Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for your sins and all it takes to gain Eternal Life and Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God is Faith in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone, believe in him”.
- G. The gospel is never to be used to make an issue of money or to enrich oneself by its presentation.
1. Paul never ever made an issue of MONEY and this is an issue throughout the United States of America and Christian communities and it is a rare to see an evangelistic campaign where someone was not begging for money constantly and where offerings were always taken.
 2. God does not authorize begging for money and at the same time inviting people to make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 3. This gives the impression that the way to be saved is to come forward in an evangelistic meeting and provide a very generous offering and the doors of heaven will open wide.
 4. The confusion is between salvation by giving money and salvation by faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 5. These 2 are often blurred together so that most evangelistic campaigns are money raising campaigns with some small amount of gospel preaching on the side.
 6. Paul in Thessalonika never asked for money and never violated the privacy of the people there and presented the gospel and many believed and then when they went out to witness they followed Paul's example.
 7. Wherever they went they did not take offerings and never made an issue of money.
 8. YOU CANNOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF MONEY AND MAKE THE GOSPEL CLEAR AT THE SAME TIME since you are dealing with the unbeliever and the mind of the unbeliever is a soulish mind and this mind cannot make the distinction.
 9. NEVER try to get money from people and simultaneously have an evangelistic campaign.
- H. Evangelism should never be used as a means of personal glory seeking.
1. This occurs when the individual evangelist is saturated with approbation lust.
 2. Those who have the spiritual gift of evangelism and use their gift regularly recognize that there is no glory with this because of the incredible satanic opposition.
 3. Every believer is to do the work of evangelism in personal witnessing but NOT as a source of personal glory.
 4. Personal witnessing always has the problem of the ‘witness report’ to someone in the local church who keeps track of your totals.
 - i. These totals of all members of the local church or denomination are used to produce statistics as to the number of people witnessed to in order to use this to raise money.

- ii. This combines covetousness and evangelistic reports and the only statistics to be kept on witnessing and mass evangelism are those kept by God in heaven who knows every person who has witnessed and who has been witnessed to and accepted Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on earth.
 - 5. In those areas where there are no reports kept of the numbers witnessed to there is the problem of personal testimonies in the local church gathering regarding the number of people witnessed to.
 - i. This is a tragedy in the thinking that statistics are important and reporting to others is important and in so doing one must often inflate the reality by exaggerating to make self look a bit better.
 - ii. This is again a means of satisfaction of the approbation lust.
- I. Therefore, the 3 pitfalls of witnessing include:
 - 1. Believers should not witness from human motivation to flatter or enrich self nor to receive glory from others.
- J. When Paul got to Thessalonika the main push was evangelism and then after evangelism comes the teaching of new believers training them to go out and witness to others.
 - 1. Whether Paul was there 3 weeks or months he made it a point to not take money from the local people though he had a right to do so.
 - 2. Instead he went back to making tents in order that he NOT be burdensome to them.
 - 3. The only 2 issues in Thessalonika when Paul got there was witnessing for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and for new believers the presentation of Bible Doctrine.
 - 4. Paul did not want these new believers to confuse Bible Doctrine and money and on his first visit there he never made an issue of taking up an offering of money.
 - 5. Apparently when the local church was in operation offerings were taken up since they sent out missionaries but Paul was not ever a burden to them wanting to make the issues clear to them.
 - 6. First believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ for Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and second engage in consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and not confusion.
 - 7. Paul was tender and loving of these new believers and did not become burdensome to them.
 - 8. This was the impetus of the initial missionary output of Berachah church.
 - 9. Paul avoided both of the pitfalls of making an issue of money to both the unbeliever and the new believer.
 - 10. Once the Thessalonian church got well organized they GAVE very generously since their giving was based on Bible Doctrine.
 - 11. Giving money must be based on Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul and it must come first and must occur without gimmicks or pressure on the giver.
 - 12. The unbeliever should never be solicited for money or be presented with the idea of an offering in an evangelistic campaign nor should the NEW believer.

13. The issue of giving is the issue that the local church faces as a body of believer priests gathering together and worshiping together expressing their worship in giving. **2Cor 8+9**
- K. Instead of taking from the new believers in Thessalonika Paul was giving to them the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the content of Bible Doctrine in the minds of the evangelist or witness.
1. The challenge to the believer who is going to witness is:
 - i. Where the unbeliever is concerned do I have in my Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul a clear enough understanding of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to make it clear to someone else.
 - ii. Do I have enough Bible Doctrine in my Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul to be helpful to other believers on the way to their own spiritual growth.
 2. Love is giving without thought of return.
 - i. When you LOVE the Human Race in biblical terms you think in terms of giving something to them.
 - ii. That which is given to the unbeliever is first the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and then at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God the doctrines of the word of God for their growth in the Spiritual Life.
 3. This is the expression of Love and compatible with the concept of love which is giving.
 4. In all phases of love there must be WILLINGNESS and GIVING (not giving as in the sugar daddy concept) but to the Mental Attitude of giving.
 5. Love is giving and willingness to impart or share and with regard to the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Bible Doctrine with others in the Human Race.
- L. This involves the concept of labor in terms of the pain of giving birth children
1. Paul is relating to them now that their efforts in Thessalonika were work and painful work as well.
 2. Paul worked for his own sustenance making tents and also taught Bible Doctrine consistently and constantly putting himself under great pressure.
 3. There is always WORK in imparting these things to others and there is the motivation of love in the imparting of the gospel of and doctrine but in this there is the labor and work of study and presentation labor.
- M. The gospel MUST be followed up v10-12
1. The obstetrician is one who is responsible for the delivery of a child and the birth is followed up by a Pediatrician.
 2. Believers are born again and start as helpless infants in Christ who need information, help and encouragement and these must be provided by other believers NOT necessarily by ministers.
 3. Any believer in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God should be able to support new believers to edify and encourage them to build up in the faith of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 4. First there is to be followup for the new believer

- i. The witnessing believer must look at life from the Divine Viewpoint in order to be able to HELP other new believers gain stability in their Spiritual Life.
 - ii. To help other believers the witnessing believer must log a maximum amount of time under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. If the witness for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is residing in the Status Quo of carnality he cannot help other new believers.
 - 5. It is the the advantage of the new believer to have made Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and to have in his periphery a witnessing believer who has Divine Viewpoint, is current with rebound and constantly under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Witnessing is for the unbeliever but the followup for these new believers emphasizes the state of mind or Mental Attitude, the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and consistency of use of rebound.
- N. Verbal Followup as the internal preparation and willingness to talk or communicate with others.
 - 1. The possibilities of communication with new believers are unlimited in the topics available but it is essential to talk about Bible Doctrine and its application to experiences.
 - 2. Conversation with the new believer must be based on Rebound, the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and the Mental Attitude of the Divine Viewpoint which is from Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - 3. As a result of having Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul the witnessing believer can follow up in communication with the new believer with regard to Bible Doctrine and its application.
 - 4. The father must tell his son facts of life and explain how life operates to his son.
 - i. He must explain how you can expect certain things in life such as sour grapes from others, vindictiveness, and retaliations and problems of life in general.
 - ii. He must interpret things to his son which the child cannot understand such as adults frowning or disapproving and unkind to the child.
 - iii. Children are children and they will squirm and make noise and cause disturbances but they are the future of the nation and the Royal Family of God.
 - iv. They will become honoring to the Lord so long as they do not associate miserable things which can happen to a child with the local church.
 - v. There are however things which we cannot and should not condone from young people.
 - 5. In the behavior followup there were 3 adverbs and now in the verbal followup there are 3 participles
 - i. The new believer must be directed with criticism or kindness along while being oriented to confusing circumstances with proper Bible Doctrine

application and by this being also given the concept and motivation for serving the Lord and witnessing for him.

6. All verbal followup has the purpose of causing the believer to “WALK” worthy of God.
 - i. We are here to serve the Lord and in that service we should be worthy of him.
- O. 6 Ways to keep walking worthy of God:
 1. Gal 5:16, Walk by means of Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 2. Walk in the sphere of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) 2Cor 5:7
 - i. We must use daily moment by moment the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) to walk worthy of God.
 3. Walk in the sphere of Love Eph 5:2, the production of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 4. Col 4:5, walk in wisdom the application of Bible Doctrine to experience but you must know Bible Doctrine in order to apply Bible Doctrine.
 - i. You cannot walk worthy of God unless you apply Bible Doctrine to every contingency of Life.
 5. Walk in the Light 1John 1:7 and we must walk in fellowship with God having relied on the rebound procedure to maintain this Status Quo.
 6. Walk worthy of the vocation Eph 4:1 of being an royal ambassador for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 7. Every believer has a purpose and we must walk in terms of this purpose.
- P. The Response of the believer:
 1. The believers in Thessalonika were part of a great followup from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God by Paul giving them doctrinal teaching which they then used to witness to others and as a result Paul was thankful to God for their response and application of the doctrine he taught them.
 2. They in effect welcomed Bible Doctrine and received it hungrily from Paul not as Human Viewpoint but as Divine Viewpoint and it then was able to cause production in the believers.
 3. Things about “effectively working in the believer”
 - i. It means to keep on being actively operational
 - ii. When Bible Doctrine works in us it works for our benefit and it is the Bible Doctrine which is the worker and generator.
 - iii. This is dogmatic reality.
 4. The result of this function of receiving the word of God and having Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul it then keeps on being actively operational in the believer
 - i. No believer is truly actively operational apart from Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - ii. We benefit from Bible Doctrine being actively operational in us as believers and this is dogmatic reality in the world ruled by Satan.

iii. This emphasizes that the most dramatic point in the life of any person is the moment of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.

Q. Therefore to make an effective missionary church like the Thessalonian church all these things are required of the congregation of the local church.

1. Paul has met with believers everywhere he went in the ancient world who had been evangelized by someone in the Thessalonian church.
2. This occurred because of the pattern of their salvation evangelism and the followup of Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul under consistent Filling of God the Holy Spirit and their use of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and other things in life and are now taking Bible Doctrine and going throughout the ancient world.

1Thes 2:5

v5: Neither at any time did we receive the inspiration to become flatterers to build man up to something he is not, as you know, or use the gospel as a cloak for greed in order to enrich ourselves, as God is witness to our Modus Operandi which is honoring to him;

1Thes 2:6

v6: nor did we seek glory from men by bragging, neither from you nor from others. When we might have been burdensome or made demands of you, having the right as apostles of Christ, using gimmicks to raise money

1Thes 2:7

v7: we did not but were gentle among you even like a nursing mother caring, cherishing, keeping warm and providing food for her child.

1Thes 2:8

v8: So, being affectionately desirous of you, missing you in our absence from you, we were ready or willing to share with or impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become or were beloved to us.

1Thes 2:9

v9: For you believers in Thessalonika remember our labor and hard physical work and birthing pains while working; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God.

1Thes 2:10

v10: You are witnesses, and God also, how we became separated in our state of mind with Divine Viewpoint and were consistently under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and current in our rebound (1John 1:9) function to the advantage of you as new believers who had the advantage of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God;

1Thes 2:11

v11: for you know we exhorted or called each of you to us for help with criticism or kindness, comforted or soothed or oriented you to confusing circumstances with Bible Doctrine and charged passing on to you the concept of serving the Lord by witnessing, as a father does with his children,

1Thes 2:12

v12: in order that you would keep on walking worthy of God, who has called or elected you to privilege into his own kingdom and glory.

Lesson #5 Series # 461 5/19/2019 1Thes 2:14

- I. It is the responsibility of every believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to pass on the “good news” of the gospel.
 - A. We have the solution to making every person happy and the solutions to every problem in life.
 1. It is our responsibility as believers in the presentation of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to avoid Gimmicks and clouding the issue of Salvation by Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone with concepts of false methods of salvation and human works salvation.
 2. The issue between man and God is the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ John 3:36

3. The issue is not confess or give up your sins, or change your attitude, reform, get holy or pious, join the church, be baptized, raise your hands, walk down the aisle, throw a FAGOT on the fire, live by the golden RULE or any other such thing.
 4. We have the good news and God has made that deposit with us as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. John 3:18-36
 5. Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God is through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and we have responsibility for passing on this information.
 6. Some believers have this information within themselves but are so strained by life and trying to just eek out survival in life that they have lost track of WHY we are here as believers.
 7. Many believers are concerned about survival each and ever day but it is interesting to note and we must be consciously aware of the fact that ALL HELL CANNOT TAKE A SINGLE BELIEVER OFF OF THIS EARTH UNTIL GOD IS READY TO TAKE YOU HOME.
 8. BECAUSE, We belong to God, we represent him and are his servant, the battle is the lords and all things work together for God and all a believer has to do is stand still and watch the deliverance of the Lord.
 9. Watching the deliverance of the Lord is a truly amazing thing to behold and it should bring a smile to your face when you see it in others and in yourself and is SHOULD bring a high degree of enthusiasm to you regarding the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the truly GOOD NEWS.
- B. Most Christians approach the presentation of the Gospel of Christ, the GOOD NEWS as if they are mourners at a state funeral or a subject in a HEADACHE Add.
1. We are the bearers of the most important information in the whole world.
 2. The reason that Christians cannot follow the principles of the 1st 12 verses in this chapter is the result of them not following the principle of v13
 3. Once you are born as an infant or Born Again as one, you must take in food or you do not grow up.
 4. The principle of passing on GOOD NEWS involves reaching Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God Super Grace and growing up and the only way to do this is to be consistent in Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine.
- C. When we see or hear of someone being thankful we should determine who is being thankful and for what reason they are being thankful.
1. Paul is thankful in this verse and this should wake you up when you realize that Paul has faced a great deal of BAD NEWS and has been facing crises in various local churches and has to now send out his inspector general and his trouble shooter to address these issues.
 2. The Pauline Missionary team is getting a bit thin in moving around because there are so many issues in so many places.
 3. In the midst of all this terrible trouble and pressure and difficulty a bit of sunshine moves into the picture and Paul is constantly thankful without ceasing.

4. The question is why is Paul thankful for something?
 5. Many people are thankful for THINGS which people give to them and reflect this in their addressing them with thanks.
 6. Other people are thankful for things NOT so obvious but just as helpful.
- D. Some believer never get to what these Thessalonian believers got to in “receiving” the word of God.
1. Many believer reach Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and this is the end of their Christian experience and function.
 2. People dedicated to making others miserable after making self miserable first are those Christians dedicated to fulfilling their lives as spiritual morons.
 3. These have reached Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone but NEVER GROW one single bit.
- E. The shortcut for the believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to MISERY IN EVER MOMENT OF LIFE is
1. What the many evangelist says to believers is that faith in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ will bring happiness to your life.
 2. This is basically silliness since we will all have pressure and adversity in life but as a believer who has grown up in the Spiritual Life reaching Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God this suffering will be a source of great blessing to them.
 3. If you neglect Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and do not grow up in the Spiritual Life everything which happens to you in life will be focused on making you miserable.
 4. You will in this way dedicate your life to the proposition that the Christian can be terribly miserable.
 5. For this person the “GOOD NEWS” will be shoved into a far back corner of the mind and you will prove to everyone how miserable a person can be and still be alive.
 6. This will make you miserable and all that you do or try will turn to misery and everything which you think in life will make you happy will make you miserable and you will blame all this misery on God or the next human being who smiles at you.
 7. This is being proven by Christians all the time.
- F. As a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ you can have perfect stability, peace and orientation and total perfect inner happiness when you are successful and prosperous but you can also retain this happiness when you are in pressure, adversity, misery and catastrophe.
1. It should be obvious that you cannot have happiness from things around you.
 2. There are outside things which people think will make them happy and as Solomon listed them they include
 - i. Academics
 - ii. Culture
 - iii. Pleasure (Eccl)

- a. Wine
- b. Sex
- c. Doing Good
- iv. Philosophy
 - a. Life and its Origin
 - b. Brotherhood of Man
- v. Family Life
- vi. Heirs
- vii. Wealth
- viii. Women (He had 1000 of them without happiness)
- ix. Reputation
- x. He decided as an old man that none of this worked for happiness.

3. Eccl 12 he describes himself as an old man and was suffering from several diseases, poor hearing, altitude sickness and insomnia.
4. He finally decided that the way to enjoy these things was to REBOUND and get back in fellowship with God and then you can enjoy all of these things IF THE LORD IS FIRST.
5. This took Solomon a lifetime to come to this conclusion so don't waste your life trying to achieve these things just understand what Solomon learned.

G. The principle is that Happiness is found in Bible Doctrine and the believer does not have to experiment to find it out.

1. One of the greatest blessings in life is seeing people take in a receive Bible Doctrine.

H. In the Unites States of America we have since this lesson in 1961 we have faced a GREAT issue constantly; Is it true that we can solve all our problems through socialism, internationalism, repealing the McCaren act and surrendering our national sovereignty to a world court, nationalism is outmoded, that colonialism is OPPRESSION always?

1. The painfully obvious answer is simply "**NO**"!
2. We know these things are not true by listening to the politicians (Especially TODAY) and the news media you would almost assume that the real solution in life is just to get totally involved in an subject to the United Nations, Get rid of all military armament and surrender our sovereignty to a world court and renounce any concept of Nationalism and then we would be dead in a minute.
3. We know they are not true also because this nation began with concepts of the Laws of Divine Establishment, freedom, nationalism above all else from concepts of the word of God.
4. The concepts of the word of God are totally in opposition to everything taught as a panacea today in what we read, hear or see such as:
 - i. Nationalism will destroy us
 - ii. Militarism will ruin us,
5. At the time of this lesson "RedBood" said in an article that the majority of Ministers in the United States of America believed that the only answer to the problems we have in the world is Living with Communism, Divestiture of all Military functions, accepting Communism and going along with them.

6. WE often think that the ministry would declare what the bible said but then in 61 and more so today the ministry is and has been going along with the economic panacea of socialism, live with communism, disarm and become internationalistic.
 - i. This will certainly destroy us as it has been doing for these 50+ years.
7. The only solution to these things is through Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine.
8. This is also true on an individual scale and many believers have rationalized to the point of thinking that the answer to everything is in a tranquilizer or getting someone to listen to your problems.
 - i. The one bonifide function of Psychiatry is most likely the function of paying to go tell your troubles to someone.
 - ii. The only problem occurs when these people try to tell you the solutions and that is when you should pay your money and LEAVE.
9. We have accepted many things along the lines of psychiatry as being true for the individual as well as the masses BUT they are contrary to the word of God and even Christians advocate for these things as the panacea.
 - i. As a result of this the true solution of the Gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is shoved into a back corner of the mind and forgotten.
 - ii. All solutions to the problems of mankind must begin with the individual and he must begin at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone, **Acts 15:31**
- I. Paul was thankful because these Thessalonian believers received Bible Doctrine as the word or thinking of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and accepted it.
 1. You cannot effectively operate as a believer until you receive the word of God.
- J. Principles about “effectually working” in the believer:
 1. This means to be actively operational.
 - i. On the basis of the syntax of this verse and the participle action preceding the main verb action NO BELIEVER CAN BE ACTIVELY OPERATIONAL UNTIL HE RECEIVES Bible Doctrine.
 - ii. This means that all operation on the basis of emotion, tradition or rationalism is a lot of activity but NO BONIFIDE PRODUCTION.
 2. This verb is present tense and linear actionsart meaning that when you take in Bible Doctrine you constantly effectually operate as a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 3. The middle voice of this verb means the subject is BENEFITED by effective operation according to the word of God.
 4. The Indicative Mood means that it is POSSIBLE for people to operate according to Bible Doctrine but YOU MUST RECEIVE THE DOCTRINE BEFORE YOU CAN POSSIBLY OPERATE EFFECTIVELY.
- K. In order to operate effectively we must take Bible Doctrine from the bible under the teaching of a qualified Pastor Teacher and saturate our Stream of Consciousness of the Soul with Bible Doctrine.
 1. We must take in Bible Doctrine and metabolize it in order to use it effectively

2. ONLY those who have received Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior through making Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God can ever be effective workers but these must first engage in consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and **Metabolization** of Bible Doctrine.
3. The thing is that all believers have problems in life sooner or later from adversity, maligning, opposition, personal disaster, etc.
 - i. At this moment if you fall apart not being able to handle the situation it is the result of not taking in Bible Doctrine consistently prior to the problem.
 - ii. These believer slam the door on the bible constantly day in and day out and do not receive it prior to the crisis of life.
 - iii. During the time of crisis going to the bible is totally ineffective to help solve or control the problems you experience.

II. The Crisis, catastrophe, trial, heartache, disaster v14

- A. The only way to be prepared for the crisis is to go back to v13 where we are told to DAILY receive or take in the word of God.
- B. These Thessalonian believers were in the Judean churches were the first to receive the wave of persecutions.
 1. Found themselves subjected to many things including:
 - i. Name calling
 - ii. Killing
 - iii. Taking businesses
 - iv. Ostracizing
 - v. Beatings
 - vi. ETC.
 2. These believers were suffering in the same manner as did those earliest churches in Judea.
- C. We must as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ take a stand for the Lord and we may have to face having all things we value taken from us including our freedom and loved ones.
 1. The only way to face this is through consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine PRIOR to the crisis.
 2. The solution is not hysteria or any other sort of emotional collapse.
 3. When you are behind barbed wire in prison camps we must always remember that we should have been involved in Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine BEFORE the crisis.
 4. When wealth and sustenance are torn away and loved ones are removed and tortured along with you there is ONLY one solution and that is Bible Doctrine in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul
 5. This exact thing occurred in Rome for 2 centuries and many Christians were BURNED alive just for the entertainment and light.
- D. We have lived in Perilous times since the 1960's and we have intermittently gone in for the Disarmament idiocy which the national counsel of churches peddles constantly and if we fall for internationalism and are ready to surrender national sovereignty to a world court

like the UN and to deny the validity of the word of God and are willing to not support Christian missionaries we will be destroyed.

1. There are 2 basic reasons the United States of America is still a nation in this world in spite of many errors:
 - i. We have not had a statesman in government anywhere for so long that we have to look into history to see what one is and does.
 - a. We have only politicians who follow the mob rather than being statesmen who do what is right in spite of the MOB which changes daily.
 - b. Today the MOB is called Lobbying but it is still the MOB controlling and no one doing with is RIGHT for the nation.
 - ii. People believe Bible Doctrine and send out missionaries to disseminate the gospel and teach Bible Doctrine abroad.
 - iii. We still give Israel the Jew a haven in this land and according to the Abrahamic Covenant NO nation which treats the Jew right will ever be destroyed.
 2. Too many people today are confused about Jews thinking that the few represent all Jews.
 - i. The bible tells us that when we take care of and protect Israel we will be blessed.
 - ii. Some think that because some Jews are communist or fascist that all Jews are communists.
 - a. Barry Goldwater..... NOT!
 - iii. We can and should be opposed to communism and islam just because those involved are communists or moslems.
 - a. The 2 founders of communism Marx and Engels were JEWS but not all Jews are communists.
 3. What the bible says in Gen 12:1-3 and the confirmation of what has occurred in history shows us WHY we are still here.
 - i. Every nation which treats the Jew correctly has survived and all nations which turn their backs on the Jews or Persecuted them has been destroyed in spite of being some of the greatest nations in history.
 - ii. Spain, Assyria, Germany, England until she turned her back on the Jew which she did after World War II and down she went.
 4. There has been a movement at the time of this lesson that said that all Jews are communists and conspirators.
 - i. This causes the distinction between communism and Christianity and a Jew OR Gentile who is a communist is the enemy of Christianity.
 - ii. A Jew OR Gentile who is under Positive Volition constantly to Bible Doctrine IS THE ENEMY OF COMMUNISM.
 - iii. Focus on Divine Viewpoint not Human Viewpoint ideas.
- E. The tribulation comes and those who will stand in the gap will be those who have Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.

1. It will always be to see who takes a stand for Christianity when the trend is down.
2. Many take a position politically because they do not want to lose wealth, power or prestige which they have worked for all their lives.
3. They see in liberalism, radicalism, socialism and communism that which endangers them but they are false or pseudo conservative.
4. The TRUE conservatives are those who BELIEVE that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the SON OF GOD and who receive, inculcate and metabolize the word of God.
5. They are those who know that socialism, communism, liberalism and radicalism are ANTI CHRISTIAN and ANTI BIBLICAL.
6. The solution and answer is to RECEIVE the word of God.
7. Douglas MacArthur one of the greatest Americans ever to live said from Japan:
 - i. "Send Bibles in the Japanese language", it is the word of God which will keep the Japanese people from turning to communism.
 - ii. Shortly after this an imbecilic, mediocre, bureaucrat pulled him out of Japan.
 - iii. {keep in mind that this lesson was taught in 1961) his tells us that there are strong forces at work from the highest to lowest echelons of this nation trying to destroy this nation.
 - iv. Potsdam, Yalta, Red China into the UN, Etc., demonstrate that it is a MIRACLE of God that we have not gone over to communism repeatedly since the 60s.
8. The ONLY answer to this influx of various systems of EVIL is Bible Doctrine and we need it disseminated and metabolized internally ourselves then when the crisis occurs we will be prepared.
 - i. {{ff) it is most likely in my mind that the Unites States of America was able in our personal past to avoid turning to communism and to avoid being destroyed from within and outside as a result of a great response to Bible Doctrine primarily from Berachah Church}}

III. Imitators of the Churches of God:

- A. The Valdencians refused to succumb and were attacked by the armies of Rome, tortured, driven out of southern France into the Mountains and never gave up and for 300 years they carried on a testimony as to the saving grace of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the truth of the word of God.
 1. There are parts of Europe attacked by internationalism and religion and stuck with Bible Doctrine and God protected them in incredible hot spots of the world so that they kept the light of the gospel going.
 2. These people "received" the word of God and when Romanism came in and demanded that they renounce Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and come back into the fold they refused and stuck to true Bible Doctrine and GOD protected them.
 3. There were many people who were saved in the black forest of Germany, the the southern alps between Italy, Switzerland and France and in the Bavarian Alps and many other interesting spots of the world because there are many people in isolated

geographical areas who still HOLD TO the word of God and are witnessing to others.

4. This has been going on for HUNDREDS of YEARS and maybe this will be what occurs for the Berachah Battalion who move to the AZ mountains and keep Bible Doctrine going.
- B. The hostility demonstrated by reversionistic believers and unbelievers in any nation toward Jews and Christians is in opposition to all men as communism is in the name of providing for everyone everything they will ever need.
1. Any group or organization which seeks to gain control of other people through intimidation, torture, death, or any other system of vilification are drunk on the systems that they use.
 2. They become mad with the LUST to torture, kill, maim and destroy others.
 3. Communism is and always has been a MAD DOG and must be destroyed and they have become gluttoned with the people they have killed and destroyed.
 4. They have a facade of respectability which we seem oblivious to and they come here and exchange pleasantries and then go back home and kill more who oppose them.
 5. This country we live in is so pathetic and has been for so very long that it is amazing and if you are captured by communism while innocently traveling from one area to another you will never get help from this country to get back to the United States of America.
 6. England used to be a nation to help their citizens when in trouble in the 19th century and 2 British missionaries were made prisoners of the Abyssinian and put into a jail there.
 - i. The British sent 1 message “release those missionaries” and the King said “I will not”.
 - ii. The British organized an expeditionary force and marched 800 miles and used artillery to destroy the prison gates and shot a few Abyssinian and walked out with 2 British missionaries and for 20 years no person who spoke English was ever molested in Abyssinia.
 - iii. The Congolese did far worse to American missionaries and we sent no marine divisions there to get their release but we NEGOTIATED.
 - iv. If you are an American diplomat negotiating the prisoners are being tortured, abused, maltreated and raped or killed and they walk on the flag and BURN it.
 - v. We have come a long way down to passiveness and immobility when it comes to international incidents and protecting American citizens abroad.
 - vi. Since the 60s it is questionable as to whether we could amass more than 1 or 2 divisions for a rescue and then we would be restricted by RULES OF ENGAGEMENT fabricated by politicians or policies put forth by the national council of churches.
 7. This has gone on for so long in the United States of America that the people of other areas of the world have decided that we are so rich that and pathetically soft that they can come and clean out the riches and in our time now we see this clearly

happening with the unbelievable influx of illegal aliens and moslems in all areas of Law Enforcement and government blatantly and overtly talking about HOW TO GO ABOUT SYSTEMATICALLY CONVERTING AMERICA TO ISLAM.

8. We keep giving money to other nations and fail to update and upgrade our own nation and its infrastructure.

IV. The personal reward for Paul from getting good churches started and running smoothly v17-20

- A. Paul was bereaved in having to leave Thessalonika and the church there and he loved to be there and hated to have to leave.
 1. Paul endeavored with great effort to return to see them again.
 2. This is the way people should leave you in Christian fellowship whether it is just your house or church they should always want to come back when they leave.
 3. When you leave someone and would like to return to them over and over then you have a true idea of what Christian fellowship is.
 4. Christian fellowship does not have to be effusive or gushing but the true test is whether or not you want to return and long to see them again.
 5. Christian fellowship is of such a nature that it is not the environment which makes a difference nor some pleasant atmosphere just being with another Positive Volition believer and when with that Christian it is wonderful to be with them.
 6. When you are away from them you think about being with them again.
 7. Paul has gone many places but all the time he is away he thinks of being back with them again, this is true Christian fellowship.
- B. Paul is the highest leader of the ancient church like a 5 star general is at the top and those at the top have very little fellowship and maybe he is a bit lonely.
 1. Paul wanted to come back to Thessalonika and considered these believers to be like a warm fire on a stormy night.

V. The final point of the subject of Witnessing what are the rewards in time for Witnessing:

- A. In eternity there is the **Crown of Rejoicing**!!!?
- B. There are 3 rewards for the one who Witnesses for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ:
 1. Hope, which has to do with the eternal future and those whom you witness to and who respond with Positive Volition at gospel hearing YOU WILL SEE AGAIN IN ETERNITY.
 - i. This is the anticipation of meeting people again in eternity which we have had the pleasure of leading to the Lord.
 - ii. What about the people who you love dearly who are unbelievers or friends of the past whom you did not witness to whom you will never see again and who will spend their eternity in the Lake of Fire???
 - iii. This is because you have missed the opportunity entirely and remember that every time you have presented the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to someone who responds with Positive Volition you will have the opportunity to meet them again in eternity.
 - iv. Our HOPE or CONFIDENCE is not just the events at and after the Rapture of the church but this is in addition to that.

- v. This is the **FACES** of the people we have led to the Lord who will be there with us in eternity and there will be happiness for all eternity with regard to these people.
- 2. **JOY** is inner happiness in life as a result of seeing people making Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 - i. This is one of the greatest happinesses in life knowing that these friends and loved ones will spend eternity with you.
 - ii. This is our reward in time as inner happiness which comes from being on this miserable earth for this short time yet presenting Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ to others and they respond to this.
 - iii. This is the greatest thing we can do for any human being leading them to Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 - iv. People spend so much time trying to improve the environment for people but then never consider the plight of the person and his end in the Lake of Fire.
 - v. The emphasis in considering people and their Status Quo in life must go back to eternity and we have the answer and every day we keep our mouth shut and fail to present the gospel we have deprived ourselves of one of the greatest happinesses in life and the reward in eternity of meeting those we have personally witnessed to.

1Thes 2:13

v13: For this cause we also thank God constantly or without ceasing for the good followup, because when you received, welcomed or responded to the word of God at a point of time, which you heard from us, you accepted or received it not as the word of men or Human Viewpoint but as what it really is, the Divine Viewpoint of The word of God, the thinking of Christ, which is effectively at work also in you as believers.

1Thes 2:14

v14: For you believers, became followers or imitators of the churches of God elsewhere who faced these things (and failed) which are in Judea in Christ Jesus; for you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the hands of the Jews,

1Thes 2:15

v15: who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and persecuted us, and displease God and oppose all men in the name of religion.

1Thes 2:16

v16: having forbidden us speaking to the Gentiles that they may be saved, and they keep filling up and getting drunk on their own cup of sins of persecution, torture and destruction. For the Wrath of God's has come upon them at last!

1Thes 2:17

v17: But we brother believers were bereaved at having to leave in person from you for a short time, but not in heart or mind longing to be with you every minute, we endeavored the more abundantly to see you face to face with great desire;

1Thes 2:18

v18: Wherefore we could have come to you, even I, Paul, once again but Satan hindered us.

1Thes 2:19

v19: For what is our confidence, HOPE 3 of confident assurance or expectation, confident anticipation of seeing the people we have witnessed to in eternity, or Happiness, or wreath or crown of exaltation or rejoicing, are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ at the Judgment Seat of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ rewards will be imputed to your Resurrection Body, or our esprit De Corps or Wreath or Happiness or Rejoicing, Is it not even you the Super-Grace and Ultra Super-Grace believer the believer in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice

of God in the presence of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ at the Judgment Seat of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ at the rapture.

v20: Ya'all, Even every one of YOU are our glory and happiness.

Lesson #6 **Series # 461** **5/22/2019** **1Thes 3:1**

- I. The Inspectors Report
 - A. The missionary team of Paul was the greatest of all time.
 1. Paul was the chief teacher of Bible Doctrine and the gospel.
 2. The Secretary, administrator and medical officer was Luke
 3. Titus was the trouble shooter for the team and handled all problem areas.
 4. Silas handled the Music Department and the singer.
 5. Timothy was the Inspector General
 - B. Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonika to determine what was going on there.
 1. Paul in Athens with Silas and Timothy he decided to hold conference as a result of NEWS leaks along the line indicating all was not well in Thessalonika
 - C. v1-5 the Conference in Athens resulting in Timothy being sent back to Thessalonika.
 1. Paul was concerned and had a sense of his personal responsibility for founding the church there and there was a strong nucleus there who moved out and evangelized the whole area.
 2. There are now problems and some confusion among the believers there.
 - i. One example is their confusion about the rapture of the church being imminent and some giving up everything and sitting and doing nothing waiting for it to occur.
 - ii. When this occurs the next step is to get into trouble.
 3. To determine what the actual problem was Timothy was detached in order to make a full report after a complete inspection.
 - D. God has ordained a number of Spiritual gifts for believers and every believer has at least 1 and on this team there were many different types of spiritual gifts.
 1. Leadership, Administration, Discernment, ETC.
 2. Paul met with his team and together they thought over the situation.
 3. Principle:
 - i. It is not contrary to Bible Doctrine for Christians to think.
 - ii. Nor is it contrary to Bible Doctrine for Christians to put their thinking together to recommend or determine a course of action.
 4. These men were responsible for leadership in the churches of the Roman empire at that time therefore they worked together to decide what to do about the rising problems in Thessalonika.
 - E. The Decision v2
 1. The Inspector General of the Missionary Team of Paul is called:
 - i. A Brother == a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - a. Whatever inspection system is set in motion it must be conducted only by those who are members of the Royal Family of God.
 - ii. A Minister of God ==

- a. Minister == every believer 2Cor 3, 4:1, 5:17 where every believer has the ministry of reconciliation and is an ambassador or representative for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the earth while he is absent from the earth.
- b. Minister == Rom 13:4 is with regard to those who have leadership responsibility within the context of any nation are the “ministers of God for good” in that they do not bear the sword in vain referring to capital punishment and in every nation there are those who have the responsibility for justice and its administration and for exercising capital punishment for enforcement of the law.
- c. Minister == 1Thes 3:2, the Pastor Teacher is often called a minister and in this case Timothy is the Inspector General for Paul and is being sent forth in a specialized way for a special purpose, and is used for those who their entire lives to special work in a local church such as Pastor Teacher, Evangelist or Inspector.
- iii. Fellow laborer == He is a traveling missionary with Paul, Silas, Titus, Luke, etc., to fulfill definite functions in evangelism

F. The purpose of sending the Inspector General Back:

- 1. To comfort
- 2. To establish or stabilize
- 3. It is easy even for a local church which is centered in Bible Doctrine to become unsettled at times and this is what occurred at Thessalonika.
 - i. Many believers were getting out of their jobs and businesses because of confusion about a single doctrine.
- 4. Those believers who God has called to hold various jobs or be in business should remain in those positions to honor Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- 5. YOUR BUSINESS, JOB OR PROFESSION IS PART OF YOUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY AND SERVICE NO MATTER HOW GREAT OR SMALL IT MAY BE.
 - i. These believers like some today had the erroneous idea that it was a disgrace to be in business as a Christian.
 - ii. There are those even today who go around and express the opinion that if you as a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ do not quit your business or job and go to the mission field you have missed god’s best for you.
 - iii. God calls some to mission work but the inference that all believers should function in this way is false and could unsettle an entire church quickly.
 - iv. This is not the problem here but the confusion about the Rapture and the believer thinking the Lord would soon return and they stopped all normal functions in life to wait for him.
- 6. The big problem with these ideas of missionary functions is that it takes most likely a minimum of 10 years to prepare for missionary functions.
 - i. This is most likely not enough for 1 year in the mission field and most missionaries are not at all prepared.

7. Often we have believer who have a great deal of zeal and at the same time a distortion of facts of doctrine.
 8. We must recognize that wherever a believer is in life HE IS IN THE LORD'S SERVICE no matter how menial or great is his job or title.
 - i. Whatever you happen to be doing this is God's place for you in this life.
 - ii. Waiting for the Rapture does not ever involve sitting around.
 9. Other believers in Thessalonika were disturbed because some of their loved ones had died and would therefor MISS the Rapture because they died too soon.
 - i. They thought that they would not see their loved ones again and this led to a great deal of confusion.
- G. One of the things these believers needed was to be "established" or Stabilized and this Timothy will do by giving them doctrine and the true application of Bible Doctrine to experience.
- H. Timothy was also going to COMFORT the believers confused about physical death and what occurs after death.
- II. The pressures in Thessalonika:
- A. Afflictions == pressures in the Christian Way of Life should never disturb the believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 1. God has so designed the provision for the Christian that he can have perfect peace, stability, comfort and happiness in the pressures of life.
 2. Timothy is going back to Thessalonika to fill in the gaps with regard to the doctrines and principles regarding this concepts.
 3. Every believer sooner or later faces the pressures or difficulties of the trials of life and the question to be answered is whether or not you have inner happiness and stability in your life or whether you fall apart with anxiety over the pressures.
 - B. It is to the advantage of the believer to have pressure in life and happiness and blessing can be a reality in the pressures of life.
- III. Warning regarding Suffering:
- A. Paul in this verse is saying simply "I TOLD YOU SO" and when he was in Thessalonika he told them they would have pressures and trouble.
 1. He told them that all Christians all have trouble in this life.
 2. He also told them that even though there are troubles for you ahead as a Christian you can have blessing and peace and happiness and nothing can disturb you.
 - B. When Paul was with them they had a wonderful time having bible classes constantly and having the joy of knowing that they had made Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and as new believers they enjoyed the new doctrines they were receiving constantly.
 1. Paul kept telling them that there would be periods of their life ahead where they would have pressures intermingled with easy enjoyable times.
 2. They were excited as are most new believer about the concept that they have Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and Eternal Security.
 3. He kept telling them that these pressure times could still be times of joy and happiness which would then transfer to good times as well.

4. In essence he was telling them that as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and part of the Royal Family of God they could be STABLE at all times in good times and bad times because the believer has inside of each of them they have all the equipment for stability.

C. Principle:

1. It is possible for the bible to be taught day after day for years and that teaching can be to no purpose when it is not used by believers in their daily lives.
2. This is the tragedy.

IV. V6-9 Timothy has returned to Paul in Corinth with his report:

- A. Paul was very concerned about the believers in Thessalonika and that the church he had worked so hard to set up and get started was totally falling apart and he was very disturbed and concerned about this.

1. He was pleased to discover that these reports were exaggerated

- B. Most of the believers in Thessalonika were doing a wonderful job of weathering the storms of life's pressures.

- C. The secret to weathering the storms of life:

1. Faith Rest Drill (4 categories)

- i. This is operation Divine Viewpoint thinking requires consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine then claiming the promises of God, recalling doctrinal rationales and reaching doctrinal conclusions

2. Filling of God the Holy Spirit

- i. This is the inner life of the believer and the secret of weathering the storms of life is what goes on in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.

- D. Paul was delighted to discover that most of them were weathering the storms of pressure very well.

- E. 3 Good things in v6 in the inspectors report

1. Most of the believers in Thessalonika were effectively weathering the storm of pressure of life by use of the techniques of the Christian Way of Life.

- i. Rebound

- ii. Faith Rest Drill (4 categories)

- iii. Filling of God the Holy Spirit

- iv. {(ff) Today we would also have to add the development and deploying of the 10 Problem Solving Devices and function under the 3 stages of the Adult Spiritual Life, Spiritual Self Esteem, Spiritual Autonomy, Spiritual Maturity.}

2. The believers were remembering Paul and his team in Prayer as we should be doing constantly ourselves.

- i. The Thessalonians in the time of their difficulty were not only stabilized but also had a fantastic prayer life.

3. These believers longed to have Paul come to have fellowship with them again.

- i. As a bible teacher NO ONE wants to have fellowship with a bible teacher unless he is interested in Bible Doctrine and spiritual phenomenon of the bible is most important to him.

- ii. The thing here to see is that in the midst of their difficulties they did not blame, criticize or hate Paul but wanted to have him come teach them again.

V. Paul's Reaction to the Report v7-9

A. Principle:

1. No man lives or dies to himself in Modus Operandi Christianity and there is a very definite inner relationship between believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
2. Whether you like it or not the relationship between believers is so close that their ups and downs can be yours as well and we are told by Paul in Corinthians to WEEP with them that weep and REJOICE with those who rejoice.
3. This is not that surprising being we are all members of the body of Christ the Royal Family of God and therefore there must be established an inner relationship between us.

B. 3 reactions by Paul to this report:

1. v7 he is comforted
2. v8 he is animated
3. v9 he has inner happiness
4. When we hear a report of good witnessing results and good evangelism results and that believers are learning Bible Doctrine and growing in the Spiritual Life we should be very enthusiastic.
5. Paul is thankful and this reflects his inner happiness as a result of it.

VI. The Result of the Inspectors report v10-13

A. v10 shows the persistence of prayer by Paul for the Thessalonians

1. Paul is benefited by praying for these believers.
2. When we pray for others we are also blessed by our prayers for others.
3. When Paul realizes that these believers in the pressures of life continue to use the Rebound procedure, the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and Filling of God the Holy Spirit and want to see him and pray for him he cannot wait to return to them.
4. Any bible teacher cannot help to be where there is a response to Bible Doctrine.

B. To the bible teacher the most beautiful sound in the world is the rustling of the pages of the bible.

1. The most awful thing for them is to be where there are NO BIBLES.
2. Paul has gotten a COLD reception in Athens and a Luke Warm reception in Corinth and he prays that the Lord will take him back to Thessalonika where the believers are extremely positive to Bible Doctrine.

VII. The benediction of Paul:

- A. This starts with God the Father since we are all part of his Royal Family of God and we must address all prayer to him.
- B. He mentions Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ who is the executor of the Plan of God and who has provided the mechanism by which we can enter into this plan and function within it.
- C. When a Pastor Teacher prays to go to a certain people you can be very sure that these people LOVE Bible Doctrine.
- D. Paul is in fact praying that these believers will be advanced in the Spiritual Life by the greater presentation and inculcation of Bible Doctrine under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and influence of God the Father and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- E. Mental Stability in time will have eternal repercussions and what you think today will produce for all eternity.

- F. The Metabolized Bible Doctrine in our Stream of Consciousness of the Soul will have results which go on for all eternity.

1Thes 3:1

v1: Therefore when we could no longer bear, hold out or endure the disturbing news from Thessalonika, we (Paul, Timothy, Luke, Silas and maybe Titus) thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,

1Thes 3:2

v2: and we sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God and fellow servant in the gospel of Christ, to establish or stabilize, through the teaching of Bible Doctrine and Application, and comfort, with regard to physical death, you concerning or with reference your doctrine,

1Thes 3:3

v3: that no man should cringe, be constantly moved, disturbed or discouraged by these advantageous afflictions. For, you yourselves know that WE, the missionary team of Paul, is appointed for this special purpose.

1Thes 3:4

v4: For when we were with you, we kept on telling you beforehand over and over, that we, the missionary team and the Thessalonians, would suffer tribulation or affliction or pressure; even as it has come to pass, and NOW you know in the past with the result you will understand the principles Timothy will come back to teach.

1Thes 3:5

v5: For this cause, when I could no longer bear, hold out or endure, I sent Timothy in order that I might know how you were doing with your Faith Rest Drill (4 categories), for fear that somehow the tempter, Satan, had tempted you away from the Christian Way of Life and that our labor to the point of exhaustion would be in vain, empty or void without any accomplished purpose.

1Thes 3:6

v6: But now, in contrast, when Timothy came from you to us, and has brought us the good news of your function under the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and the divine love of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and reported that you always remember us kindly and desire to see us, as we desire to see you

1Thes 3:7

v7: therefore, for this reason, brethren, we received comfort when we got the inspectors report about you in all our distress and affliction because of your function under the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories);

1Thes 3:8

v8: for now we live enthusiastically, if, and it is true, you keep on standing fast being stabilized under pressures of life in the Lord.

1Thes 3:9

v9: For what thanksgiving can we offer to God for you, in return for all the inner happiness with which we rejoice on account of you, before our God.

1Thes 3:10

v10: For our benefit as well as yours, Night and Day persistently and consistently praying in order that we might have the opportunity to see you face to face and supply, equip and perfect for combat operations in the Angelic Conflict, that Bible Doctrine which is lacking in your Spiritual Life.

1Thes 3:11

v11: Now God Himself and Our Father, and our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the Executor of the Phase I of Plan of God, direct our way to you;

1Thes 3:12

v12: and the Lord God the Holy Spirit by the Filling of God the Holy Spirit make you increase at that point when you receive more Bible Doctrine and abound in the sphere of divine love one toward another and toward all the Human Race, as we do to you,

1Thes 3:13

v13: to the end that he may stabilize your Right Lobe and Mental Attitude unblamable in the holiness of established positional truth before our God and Father, having maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul which will stabilize the Mental Attitude and turn the world upside down, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints in the 2nd advent.

Lesson #7 Series # 461 5/25/2019 1Thes 4:1

I. Problems of Practical Sanctification

A. There are 3 Phases of Sanctification:

1. Sanctification == To be set apart unto God, it means SEPARATION

i. It is not some pseudo spiritual facade

- B. Positional Sanctification:
 - 1. At Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God it occurs based on the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in placing us into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ under the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit and it is permanent.
 - 2. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is set apart unto God the Father as a result of the resurrection and ascension.
 - i. When he rose from the dead he walked on the earth for 40 days and at the end of that time he ascended into the presence of God the Father.
 - 3. At the moment of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ sitting at the right hand of God the Father he was SET APART or SEPARATED unto God the Father.
 - 4. When we achieve Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God we are put into union with him and share all he has.
 - i. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is set apart to God the Father and we share this.
 - ii. This is positional sanctification.
- C. Practical or Experiential Sanctification
 - 1. In Phase II of the Plan of God as a believer in time.
 - i. After Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God we are in fellowship with God in time as of that moment
 - ii. It may be the just a very few moments later we are out of fellowship as a result of sin and from that point on we spend our life as a believer on this earth In for a time and Out for a time of fellowship with God depending totally on our understanding and use of rebound.
 - iii. When we are IN we are under Filling of God the Holy Spirit and when OUT we are carnal.
 - 2. When we are in fellowship with the Lord God the Holy Spirit controls the life and we are set apart unto God.
- D. Ultimate Sanctification the possession of the Resurrection Body in Eternity. 1John 3:1-2, Phil 3:21
 - 1. Our Resurrection Body will be exactly like the Resurrection Body of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

II. Thes 4 is related to Practical or Experiential Sanctification:

- A. v1-2 the importance of knowing Bible Doctrine.
 - 1. Paul taught personally and collectively the Thessalonian believers under a system of concentration where he had their full attention.
 - 2. Now he is telling them in v1 that he has more to teach them and they must again concentrate and give attention to what is written.
 - 3. This is followup and application of the doctrine they have learned and will learn.
- B. They have been taught how to live their lives in the Christian Way of Life after Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 - 1. God the Holy Spirit executes our life walk in time after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.

2. The "Walk" of the believer is that time between Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and his leaving this earth.
 3. Our life as believers should revolve around our purpose as believers and Our purpose on this earth is to represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and everything we do is part of our Christian Service.
 4. Our job or profession or occupation is all part of FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE.
 5. Every believer is in full time Christian service in whatever they do and are ambassadors for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on this earth.
 6. Included in Full time service is house cleaning, domestic life, EVERYTHING you do!
- C. We are therefore here for a purpose and it is no accident that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ keeps us on the earth.
1. Unless we are going to fulfill a purpose in this life as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ we might just as well skip PHASE II of being a believer in time.
 2. Our purpose is based on our spiritual gift and level of advance in the Spiritual Life.
- D. There are 6 different walks in the scripture:
1. Gal 5:16 – Walk in the Spirit
 - i. God the Holy Spirit was given to all believers in the Church Age therefore walking in God the Holy Spirit is being under Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 2. 2Cor 5:7 – Walking by Faith not by Sight
 - i. This is our function using the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) in business, home, barracks, college classroom ETC.
 - ii. The Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) is a critical part of representing Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and we cannot properly represent him unless we are using this great technique.
 3. 1Cor 13, Eph 5:2 – Walk in Love
 - i. This is the result of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit
 - ii. Under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit we have "divine love" which is Impersonal Love for Mankind
 - iii. Christianity is in effect using this divine love to LOVE the unlovely.
 - iv. This is relaxing love and adds to a Relaxed Mental Attitude about all of life.
 4. Col 4:5 – Walk in Wisdom
 - i. This is the application of Metabolized Bible Doctrine to experience
 - ii. We must learn, know AND apply it.
 - iii. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A GREAT DAY JUST TAKE THE Essence of God AND APPLY IT TO EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE OF THAT DAY.
 - iv. The structure of all promises in the word of God are based on the Essence of God.
 - v. There are 10-12 characteristics of God's Essence and all can be used every day.
 5. 1John 1:7 - Walk in Light

- i. We are not shocked by the idiotic attitudes and actions of people around us and are not disoriented to reality thinking all men are brothers.
 - ii. This is walking in both Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as the light of salvation and Bible Doctrine the light of the Divine Viewpoint.
 - 6. Eph 4:1 – Walk worthy of the Vocation
 - i. Every believer has a vocation in the Plan of God.
 - ii. This is not your profession or job but is the fact that each and every believer personally in full time Christian service and represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on earth and our life has meaning purpose and definition.
- E. It is possible for the believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in this life to PLEASE GOD. Jer 17
 - 1. Trying to please people will cause you to have a nervous breakdown sooner or later.
 - i. Cursed is the man who puts his trust in man.
 - 2. Adam and Ishah immediately after their first sin tried to please each other and forgot about God totally sewing fig leaves together for clothing.
 - i. As soon as their Human Spirit died their relationship with God died as well.
 - ii. This is the idea of trying to adjust to each other and please each other.
 - 3. When you please God you get along properly in the Human Race.
 - i. This does not mean you will get along with everyone and the person who is gets along with everyone is an illustration of what has happened to this nation internally and internationally.
 - ii. Human relationship will be good, effective, powerful or useful when we please God and that is another of our reasons for being here.
 - 4. There are 6 ways to Please God:
 - i. By asking for the right things **1Kings 3:9-10**
 - a. It is possible to ask God for the wrong things and the right things and we should try to focus on the right ones.
 - ii. Living a life separated unto the Lord **2Tim 2:4**
 - iii. Doing his will **Heb 13:20-21**
 - iv. Walking in fellowship with him **Heb 11:5** comp **Gen 5:24**
 - v. Praising God **Ps 69:30-31**
 - vi. Use of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) **Heb 11:6**
 - vii. **This is just a starter and there are many many ways to Please God in Scripture.**
- F. The overflow of the believer is the overflow of blessing from your life to the life of others when you please God.
 - 1. This does not occur when you try to please MAN
 - 2. This is a POTENTIAL for every believer who CAN OVERFLOW to others but it is dependent on using what God has provided to reach Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God Super Grace.
- G. Principle:

1. Abounding or overthrowing is based on knowledge and use of the divine operating assets for Phase II as part of the Super Grace Package of blessings **James 4:6**
- III. Paul taught the Thessalonians much doctrine and they had been trained by him.
- A. The problems which are coming up in this passage are therefore an application of Bible Doctrine not a need for further knowledge of Bible Doctrine.
 - B. The problem is not their knowing the doctrine but in its proper application to their experiences.
 1. They have enough information to be able to complete and fulfill the principle of practical or experiential sanctification but have failed to apply doctrine to accomplish it.
- IV. Practical problems
- A. V3-5 is practical problems related to sexual relationships
 - B. Then there is social relationship problems
 - C. Then there is business relationship problems
 - D. It is the Will of God for us to live in the sphere of practical or experiential sanctification.
 1. There are some difficulties in sex, social life and business life which make this rather difficult with some problems incompatible with living under experiential sanctification.
- V. Problems of Sexual Relationship v3-5
- A. Overt Adultery
 1. The Will of God for every believer is sanctification and sanctification is the Will of God
 - i. Sanctification is living under Filling of God the Holy Spirit and in fellowship with God.
 - ii. And using rebound to return there when we fail in carnality.
 2. This was a problem in Thessalonika and most cities where there were heathen temples which had a system of salvation which involved getting drunk as often as possible and indulging in as much sex as possible.
 3. Many of these Thessalonian believers had been converted right out of the heathen temples and had been in the habit of practicing illicit sex for a long time.
 - i. Suddenly they find their pattern has to be broken and found it very difficult to do.
 4. V3 commands us to abstain from fornication as a purpose clause and v4 has another purpose clause which in fact amplifies the first clause of v3 and v4 gives another command which also can be obeyed.
 5. The command of v4 is to "Possess Your Vessel" and this does not refer to a wife.
 - i. Not every believer has a wife but this command is for EVERY BELIEVER single and married, male and female.
 - ii. This cannot be the WIFE since every believer does not have a wife and some COULD NOT HAVE a wife {(ff) unless they live in the 21st century and are fagot lesbians}
 6. This is the solution for the command of v3-4,
 - B. What is a VESSEL?

1. A vessel is a container and in these verses refers to the human body.
2. 2Cor 4:7 – The “earthen vessel” of the body of the believer is the recipient of divine information.

2Cor 4:6

v6: For God who commanded, "light shine out of darkness," is the one who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ.

2Cor 4:7

v7: But we keep on having this treasure, the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in earthen vessels of our human body, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

3. Acts 9:15
4. 2Time 2:20-21 – Again the Body of the believer.

2Tim 2:20

v20: Now in a large house, the local church for the Royal Family of God to meet, there are NOT ONLY golden vessels, household furniture, analogous to believers in Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God Super Grace and silver household furnishings, analogous to believers who are consistently under positive volition, but also vessels or household furnishings of wood, analogous to the consistently carnal believers distracted from Bible Doctrine by sin, and vessels or household furnishings of clay or earthenware, analogous to reversionistic believers consistently under Negative Volition to Bible Doctrine; in fact, there are, on the one hand, certain ones, under consistent Positive Volition toward Bible Doctrine, who refer to honor and, on the other hand, there are certain ones, distracted by sin from or under consistent Negative Volition to Bible Doctrine, referring to dishonor.

2Tim 2:21

v21: Therefore, if any reversionistic believer has by means of his own volition thoroughly eliminated, cleansed, cleaned out himself from these, reversionism and evil, by the intensive consistent Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine, maybe he will, maybe he won't, he shall be a vessel with reference to honor approaching Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God Super Grace with maximum doctrine resident in his soul, because he has been and continues to be sanctified, set apart in the plan of God, consecrated, and is useful to the Lord the ‘master / owner’ of the vessel, having been prepared for the purpose of every good work of divine production, Divine Good.

- i. Some believers honor God and are “vessels of gold” and some do not and are vessels of Wood and Earth.
5. What does the Body Contain?
 - i. Genetic Old Sin Nature removed only by Ultimate Sanctification the villain in the Christian Way of Life after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 - ii. The Human Soul with the ability to assimilate and categorize in the realm of human phenomenon.
 - iii. The Human Spirit as of the moment of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and has the ability to assimilate and categorize in the area of spiritual phenomenon, ie Bible Doctrine comes through the Human Spirit.
 - iv. God the Holy Spirit indwelling us
 - v. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ indwelling us
 - vi. God the Father indwelling us.
 - vii. Our body is a container for all these things
- C. How are we to obey the command of practical or experiential sanctification:
 1. One of the greatest problems of life today is SEX and is a definite problem for many people.
 2. We are to abstain from adultery and we can do so ONLY by each of us KNOWING!

3. Whatever our problems may be in LIFE the first step in solving these problems is KNOWLEDGE of Bible Doctrine the first step in Practical or Experiential Sanctification.
 - i. There are many problems of practical sanctification but only 3 listed here.
 4. We are to know Bible Doctrine from past Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and then continuously apply it to our current experiences.
 - i. WE MUST APPLY BIBLE DOCTRINE OURSELVES.
 - ii. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER AFTER SALVATION FOR THE BELIEVER TO KNOW AND APPLY BIBLE DOCTRINE.
 - iii. This is not knowledge which we are learning not but that which is already in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - iv. This is the mechanism for solving all problems in the realm of practical sanctification.
 5. 4 things regarding "SHOULD KNOW"
 - i. That which happens in the past with the result that we keep on applying it to experiences
 - ii. YOU must apply Bible Doctrine yourself.
 - iii. Your purpose in this life is to apply Bible Doctrine yourself.
 - iv. KNOWLEDGE of Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul is used as the launching platform to resolve all problems.
 6. We are to know how to POSSESS
 - i. We know how to handle our bodies NOW tomorrow and every day
 - ii. We are benefited by this function
 - iii. It is our purpose to KNOW how to possess and handle our own body.
 7. There must be a past and a present to solve all your problems.
 - i. Knowledge of Bible Doctrine happens in the past with application results which keep on going throughout our life.
 - ii. We are benefited by possessing our personal vessel our body.
 - iii. Possession of our vessel means to constantly and continually as much as is possible be under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - iv. You cannot possess your vessel, your body, when the Old Sin Nature is in control of it.
- D. The problem of ILLICIT SEX occurs as a result of the Old Sin Nature gaining control of the body.
1. Possessing the vessel is being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 2. The principle and problem of the Spiritual Life is that every believer must know how to be under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit to solve any problem in life.
 3. The problems listed here are SEX, SOCIAL LIFE, and BUSINESS LIFE.
 4. Sex is and always has been in Human History a problem manufacturing device when taken out of the context of marriage.

5. Social life is self explanatory when considering the interaction of the believer with a myriad of other Old Sin Natures
 6. Business life is a problem when believers fail to understand the principle that is God does not promote you you are not promoted and for the Christian to cheat in business is a demonstration of lack of spiritual growth.
- E. Principle:
1. GOD provides one vessel per person it may be leaky, cracked or full of aches and pains but it is YOUR personal vessel.
 2. When the one you have WEARS OUT the vessel will break and the SOUL and Human Spirit will go out of it and be face to face with the Lord and someone will dispose of the shattered vessel somewhere must likely with tears watering the grave site.
 - i. {{ff) Should be with spilled wine and whiskey watering the grave in celebration for a life completed in the Protocol Plan of God}}
 3. Possessing your personal vessel is personally making the effort to maintain the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and if you know, as you should, how to be under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit from the past then you should be able to do so NOW!
 4. Filling of God the Holy Spirit is essential for Practical or Experiential Sanctification because the Filling of God the Holy Spirit provides the DIVINE POWER needed to fulfill the functions of the Protocol Plan of God and MEET these problems.
- F. To maintain the Filling of God the Holy Spirit the believer must at any instance of carnality use the rebound procedure of 1John 1:9 and recover the Filling of God the Holy Spirit instantly.
1. This is essential in order to meet the problems of Practical or Experiential Sanctification.
 2. Honor is the RESULT of being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and sanctified to the Lord and this is to our advantage as well being that it is Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ who is honored.
- G. Many people having no problems in the "OVERT" aspect of SEX tend to look down on the overt offenders.
1. These people are not engaging in SEX with others but are saturated with MENTAL ADULTERY. **Matt 5:27-28**
 2. The Christian Way of Life starts with a Mental Attitude and the primary battles of the Christian Way of Life are in the SOUL and the THINKING of the soul there fore as Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ said IF YOU THINK IT YOU HAVE DONE IT!
 3. There is a great danger in feeling that ONE can think it and not do it and be safe but SIN is sin whether Thought about or Acted on.
 4. The danger of the THINKER is to be too sanctimonious about things putting on a facade of being better than the rest of the Human Race.
 5. You must face facts and when you engage in Mental Attitude Sins rebound just as if it were OVERT.

6. The Christian Way of Life is what you are INSIDE as per proverbs, “you are what you think”.
7. If you think it YOU HAVE SINNED whether you do it or not.
8. Both the mental and overt activity are covered with regard to SEX as a problem of Practical or Experiential Sanctification.

VI. Social Problems v6-10

- A. ONE of the great dangers among Christians in the Christian Way of Life is to give pain and sorrow to others.
 1. This can be done by:
 - i. GOSSIP
 - ii. Envy
 - iii. Pride
 - iv. Jealousy
 - v. Sour Grapes
 - vi. Playing King of the Mountain in a local church.
- B. Defrauding often occurs when one cheats or takes advantage of the believer because he is a believer.
 1. One area of DEFRAUDING is MINISTERIAL DISCOUNTS.
 2. Because a man is a minister why should he be given a discount?
 3. People in business have a right to profit and if the minister cannot afford things he wants then maybe the church should raise his salary.
 4. The minister should not have to beg for a discount from anyone.
 5. Many times believers have defrauded other believers in the name of Christianity and too often Christians TRUST other Christians just because they are Christians UNLESS YOU UNDERSTAND THE OLD SIN NATURE.
- C. The key to this type of social problem is that the LORD will always handle this type of problem.
 1. When you are defrauded the solution is to put this in the hands of the Lord for Divine Discipline and forget it.
 2. The LORD is the “avenger” of all believers.
 3. We should not be TOO trusting when a person says he is a Christian and IS one every one of us has an Old Sin Nature.
- D. The believer in Practical or Experiential Sanctification is in HOLINESS and when he is out of fellowship with God and not under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit he is UNCLEAR, v7
 1. When you reject these principles you are fighting GOD in these matters NOT MAN
- E. As a result of being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and functioning in Practical or Experiential Sanctification there is the function of BROTHERLY LOVE.
 1. Brotherly Love is not overt signs of affection like handshaking, back slapping, cheek kissing or hugging.
 2. Brotherly Love is a Mental Attitude which gives other believers the benefit of the doubt in everything it is Impersonal Love for Mankind divine love.

3. God the Holy Spirit produces this Mental Attitude in the believer which keeps him very relaxed and keeps him from engaging in minding other people's business.
4. You can always tell a relaxed Christian because they always engage in Impersonal Love for Mankind Mental Attitude Love and do not resent anything about them.
5. This is also a big part of Practical or Experiential Sanctification.

VII. Business Life Problems V11-12

- A. There are 2 kinds of business:
 1. Industry or Jobs or Professions for making a living
 2. Minding other people's Business
- B. All believers must learn to mind their own business
 1. Those who do not learn to mind their own business are trying to do God's work for him and he DOES NOT APPRECIATE IT.
 - i. Trying to discipline or belittle another which is a sign of animosity of some sort.
 - ii. You can always tell a spiritual moron since they are always minding the business of others.
- C. The problem in Thessalonika is that many believer have misunderstood the doctrines related to the rapture of the church and are thinking that is is just around the corner and have quit their jobs and closed their businesses and are just KILLING TIME.
 1. YOUR business whatever it may be and whatever you may do to earn a living is part of the LORD's Service and you are to conduct the lord's service until the Lord comes or takes you home.
 2. These believer had quit work thinking that the rapture could be very near and THIS IS TRUE but the immanency of the rapture while this is a bonifide doctrine can have erroneous conclusions when believers think they should not do things needed for life because the Lord MIGHT come tomorrow.
 3. Believers should continue in their function of business or profession because this is a part of the ministry under the Lord with the only exception being the Pastor Teacher whose full time business is studying and teaching Bible Doctrine.
 4. Working with your hands emphasizes that the operation of your business or job is part of the service every believer has to the Lord.
 5. You would think that Paul would be recruiting for missionaries and have a big meeting or rally for recruiting missionaries.
 6. PAUL says instead "YOU STAY AND WORK IN YOUR BUSINESS OR JOB" and "God leads some people to missionary function but this occurs one step at a time".
 7. Today we see that the mission field is cluttered with people who have not Bible Doctrine and NO training of any kind and just VOWING to be a missionary makes not one a missionary.
 8. The Lord makes no one a missionary until in their own field of operation they prove themselves witnesses for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 9. The JOB of PROFESSION of every believer is part of their service to the Lord and why whatever you do in word or deed do it as unto the Lord or find a job where you can.

- D. Your job is part of your Christian service to the Lord and it requires HONESTY in every aspect of its performance.
 - 1. DO NOT EVER read the bible on company time cheating on your time for work.
 - 2. Whatever your job is you owe the company your loyalty and your time doing the best possible at your job.
 - 3. You should be the best at your job because you are doing it not only to please the boss but as part of your Christian service.
 - 4. Believers in their testimony before the Lord ought to be so faithful and good at their job that the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is honored.
- E. When you do your job as unto the Lord to the best of your ability and capacity YOU WILL LACK NOTHING AND THE LORD WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS.
 - 1. The Lord will take care of ALL your needs
- F. These are the 3 primary categories of problems involved in attaining and maintaining Practical or Experiential Sanctification.

1Thes 4:1

v1: Finally therefore, We KEEP ON making a special request of you believers and we keep on exhorting you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have learned or received with concentration and undivided attention, Bible Doctrine, from the immediate source of us how you ought to live considering your purpose being to represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, and to please God, just as you are doing, so that you can overflow more and more.

1Thes 4:2

v2: For you already know, from the Bible Doctrine we have already taught you, what commandments we gave you when in Thessalonika through the Lord Jesus permitting Us to come to Thessalonika.

1Thes 4:3

v3: For this is and keeps on being the will of God, your sanctification. Being set apart to God, that you should keep on knowing Bible Doctrine from the past and applying it to experience abstaining from Fornication, overt adultery and illicit sexual lifestyle. (use your volition to JUST SAY NO),

1Thes 4:4

v4: that each one of you believers should know how to keep on possessing your own vessel, personally maintaining the Filling of God the Holy Spirit, for himself to your advantage in sanctification and by this honor the Lord.

1Thes 4:5

v5: not in the mental desire of sexual lust like the gentiles in heathenism who do not know God, have not made Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God;

1Thes 4:6

v6: that no one habitually go beyond, overstep, giving pain and sorrow, nor defraud or take advantage of or cheat his brother, the believer because he is a believer, in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we also have forewarned you ahead of time and testified.

1Thes 4:7

v7: For God has not called us for the uncleanness of going beyond and defrauding, but unto holiness or Practical or Experiential Sanctification

1Thes 4:8

v8: He therefore who keeps on despising, disregarding, setting at naught or rejecting this provision of God, disregards or despises not man but God, who has also given to us his Holy Spirit in Practical or Experiential Sanctification.

1Thes 4:9

v9: But concerning brotherly love of fellow believer you have no need for me to write to you again, for you yourselves are taught by the Word of God to love one another under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit;

1Thes 4:10

v10: and indeed you love all the brethren throughout Macedo'nia. But we beseech or exhort you, believers, that you increase in your Impersonal Love for Mankind Mental Attitude love to do so more and more,

1Thes 4:11

v11: That you make it a point of honor to be peaceable and mind your own business, having the habit of attending to your own affairs and conducting your own business in your job or profession, and make it a habit of working with your own hands in your job or business, as we have commanded you;

1Thes 4:12

v12: in order that you walk honestly toward and command the respect of outsiders the unbelievers, and you may have lack of nothing.

Lesson #8 **Series # 461** **5/27/2019** **1Thes 4:13**

- I. The termination of the sphere of practical sanctification Death or the Rapture of the church
 - A. Unwarranted Sorrow:
 1. Paul never wanted any believers to be or remain ignorant of any doctrinal principle and here it is with reference to Phase III of the Christian Way of Life ETERNITY.
 2. These Thessalonian believers were confused about the Status Quo of the believers who had previously died and “missed” the rapture of the church.
 3. Those Asleep is referring to the fact that from time to time BELIEVERS DIE.
 4. This is a dramatic moment of life for those left behind and their personal loss and sorrows and for the one who leaves in that to be ABSENT from the body and FACE TO FACE with the Lord is dramatic.
 - B. Life has several very dramatic moments:
 1. Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God
 2. Physical Death or the Rapture of the Church
 3. Death is the Means of entering into the presence of the Lord with no more sorrow, pain nor death.
 4. Rev 21;4 declares emphatically that for the believer who departs from this life THERE IS NO MORE SORROW and the sorrow is for those who remain behind
 - C. The believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is benefited by departing this life and being absent from the body and face to face with the Lord.
 1. The way many cling to life most tenaciously as believers and how they get panic stricken when they think they might check out and how some act with regard to FEARING things about LIFE such as FLYING or MOTORCYCLES or GUNS, or anything about living.
 2. People often get very upset thinking that they would make it to their destination.
 3. Many believers are very afraid to die and if there is one fear which Bible Doctrine should liberate you from it is the FEAR of DEATH!
 4. When you go through the valley overshadowed by death you will emerge on the other side with the LORD.
 5. Cowards die many times the BRAVE man dies only once.
 6. Fearing Death is a waste of GOOD time in life.
 7. This is not behavior for the believer and life is the privilege and glory of representing Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and death is absent from the body and face to face with the Lord.
 - D. These Thessalonians are IGNORANT about those who died before the rapture.
 1. Those asleep is a word which is NEVER USED for the physical death of the unbeliever ONLY of the believer.

2. This is because the body of the believer SLEEPS and the soul and Human Spirit are AWAKE in the presence of the Lord.
 3. NEVER ever think about the false doctrine of "SOUL SLEEP" since the SOUL never sleeps and has life unending. **Matt 27:52, 2Cor 5:8, Luke 16:19-31, 20:38 added to Matt 22:32, 2Cor 12:1-4, Phil 1:23, Eph 4:9, 1Pet 3:18-22**
 4. When the soul of the believers LEAVES the body it goes into the presence of the Lord and when the soul of the unbeliever leaves the body it goes into TORMENTS and fire and suffering.
 5. There is one thing which cannot ever be put to sleep that being the soul and SLEEP is used for physical death of the believer in anticipation of the resurrection of the believer where the SOUL and SPIRIT rejoin the body which wakes up and comes out of the earth and takes on a body like Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- E. The Thessalonians were all disturbed thinking that those believers who had died already would MISS the rapture of the church.
1. This Idea is a gimmick which the Legalists often use saying that those who die before the rapture will miss out and if you die in carnality you will miss it.
 2. This concept is contrary to the Grace of God and all believers in the Church Age will be there totally.
 3. NEVER put that silliness "Rest in Peace" on a grave marker since if they are a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ they WILL rest in peace and if they are an unbeliever this will never help them.
 - i. Remember RHIP, Rank Has its Privileges for believers only.
- F. Paul does not say DO NOT SORROW about departed loved ones and you have a perfectly legitimate right to sorrow and grief concerning the ones whom you miss.
1. HOWEVER, your sorrow must never be HEATHEN sorrow and we cannot, do not and must not have that desperate sorrow as those who have no hope as unbelievers.
 2. It is nothing short of sheer heathenism to leave the casket open in a funeral since the HOUSE, the body is VACANT anyway so who should want to see it.
 3. The unbeliever has no hope of a future after death but we should never sorrow like those who have no hope.
 4. We have a right to sorrow when our loved ones leave us but we have not right under God's heaven to carry on as if this is the END of the line for our relationship and make perfect asses out of ourselves at funerals.
 5. There is no place for this and the word of God does not authorize it.
- G. First any person who believes in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the minute they die they have:
1. No judgment **Rom 8:1**
 - i. The believer who leaves this life cannot ever be judged in the sense of or with the result of eternal condemnation.
 - ii. If a person goes to a place of NO JUDGMENT or CRITICISM you cannot sorrow as those who have no hope
 2. Furthermore Death means being FACE to FACE with the Lord which all believers claim to want but when the time comes they panic. **Rev 21:4**

3. **1Pet 1:4-5** tells us that we come at DEATH into an inheritance which is incorruptible and cannot ever fade away since we are kept by the power of God.
 - i. We cannot ever lose this perfect inheritance.
 4. We will have a new home, new inheritance, no judgment, face to face with the Lord, a resurrection body are certainly things which will not cause one to fall apart at a funeral.
 5. One of the great testimonies of life is the Christian funeral where the loved one is missed and there is sorrow but not to the degree that it eliminates HOPE.
 - i. There is a huge difference of sorrow in saying good bye to someone and knowing you will see them again and saying good bye to someone and knowing you will never see them again.
 - ii. When we say good bye to another believer we KNOW we will see them again in eternity.
- H. Why do Christians get all upset about DEATH?
1. Ignorance or sheer STUPIDITY and there is no greater demonstration of the IGNORANT STUPID Christian than the one who falls apart at the grave of a loved one.
 2. Sorrow is permissible but having NO HOPE is solved by Bible Doctrine.
- I. Answers to this Unwarranted Sorrow, v14:
1. To Believe is the key to Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God since it is a system of perception common to all normal members of the Human Race.
 - i. The first things you learn in life you learn through faith.
 - ii. Whatever system of perception you eventually develop, rationalism or empiricism or oscillation between them FAITH is still the basic system of perception in life.
 2. Faith is the ONLY system of perception which is Non-meritorious \
 3. In Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God the object of faith is the LORD Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the subject is any human.
 4. When anyone expresses FAITH ALONE in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone, and it is Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ NOT simply GOD since Christ is the Savior.
 - i. God the Father is the administrator and author of the Plan of God for history
 - ii. God the Holy Spirit is the revealer and empowerer for the Plan of God
 - iii. Only Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the EXECUTOR of the Plan of God by coming in Hypostatic Union and suffering a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross for all human sins providing potential for salvation.
 5. You cannot therefore be saved by belief in God the Father or God the Holy Spirit but only in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 6. The merit is only found in the ONE who died in substitution for our sins **Acts 16:31**
 7. The object of faith is what is important but here it is the Bible Doctrine regarding the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ which is important.

8. There are 2 facets of to the work of Christ brought out:
 - i. Death and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - ii. Resurrection of believers in Christ.
9. In the Modus Operandi of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) there several objects:
 - i. The promises of God some 7000 which sustain us daily as we walk in this life.
 - a. This brings to us the peace and power of the inner happiness for this life.
 - ii. The Doctrines of the word of God and when it becomes the object of faith in time then we have a wonderful stabilized life representing Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as an ambassador.
 - a. Remember that we must claim promises to stabilize our thinking in crises and then dredge up Bible Doctrine from our Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul to support these promises and bring us to doctrinal conclusions to handle the problems.
10. Paul recognizes that he and the Thessalonians are all believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
 - i. That they all believe that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ suffered a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross for all sins and THEN after his physical death and burial he was resurrected.
 - ii. You cannot separate the SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL DEATH of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and the RESURRECTION of Christ because it is the bodily physical resurrection which gives EFFICACY to his death and proves that his death was UNIQUE
 - iii. Many thousands of people were crucified by the Roman empire and were basically of no great significance.
 - iv. ONE person was crucified by Rome and it was the single most significant event in Human History because
 - a. The person who was crucified was unique as the God / Man in Hypostatic Union
 - b. In his humanity he was perfect without Sin, imputed or personal and without the Old Sin Nature.
 - c. He was for 3 hours the SIN bearer for the sins of the whole world.
 - v. God the Father puts his approval of the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross BY HIS RESURRECTION.
 - vi. The Humanity of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ DIED and was RAISED 3 days later and his resurrection is the CAPSTONE to his Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross.
 - vii. It is the guarantee of the EFFICACY of the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross.
 - viii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was the first member of the Human Race who literally physically and bodily ROSE again from death.

- ix. Others came back from the dead by resuscitation but eventually they died again such as Lazarus, Son of the Woman of Schunum, at least 6 total but they all subsequently died.
- 11. The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ means that God the Father was PROPITIATED by the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross and JUSTIFICATION was now a REALITY,
- 12. **Rom 4:25** says “he was Raised again ON ACCOUNT of or BECAUSE of our Justification”.
- J. WE are basically trapped by what is in v14:
 - 1. If we believe that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ suffered a Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross then died physically but rose again then you MUST understand from this that as Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ ROSE again SO WILL YOU Rise again and receive a glorious Resurrection Body like his. **Phil 3:21**
 - 2. This doctrine is now for some of us and will be for others very wonderful and meaningful as the PARTS of our Physical Bodies begin and progressively WEAR OUT!!!!
 - 3. So what if you as an unbeliever live to be 100 you will simply will have 100 years of misery with some enjoyment thrown in and when compared to eternity it amounts to NOTHING.
 - 4. When we leave this earth we will ultimately receive a Resurrection Body which will go on forever and will be like driving a Mazarati for all eternity with NO service required
 - 5. When this body begins to creak and wear out we recognize from the bible that it is supposed to wear out but WE WILL HAVE A BODY LIKE THE RESURRECTION BODY WHICH CHRIST HAS ALREADY.
- K. Paul links these concepts of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ with the Death of the believer in the Church Age.
 - 1. Even though loved ones who are believer have died physically they WILL be in the rapture and they WILL have a Resurrection Body and they will be recognizable.
- L. The 1st answer to unwarranted sorrow is that Bible Doctrine must be APPLIED and that doctrine related to the Substitutionary Spiritual Death, Physical Death and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and ALL who have believed in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as part of the Royal Family of God.
- M. These Thessalonian believers were living in the 1st century of the Church Age had friends who were in the Royal Family of God and had died already and they were afraid that these friends would miss the rapture of the church.
 - 1. This is a common misconception about the rapture but the FACT is that as a part of the Royal Family of God YOU WILL NOT MISS THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.
- II. 2nd answer to Unwarranted Sorrow V15
 - A. Doctrine again is the answer but now it is KNOWING Bible Doctrine.
 - 1. It is the indescribable advantage of the believer to KNOW Bible Doctrine.
 - B. The principle of the rapture is that the believers who are ALIVE on the earth at the time of the rapture WILL not precede those who have already died in the Church Age.
 - 1. If you are around when the rapture occurs and do not leave with the believers who are taken up the best suggestion is to immediately believe in Jesus of

Nazareth, the Christ and become part of the family of God as one of the first in the tribulation period since that will be the toughest period to endure.

- C. To “remain” means in reality “TO SURVIVE” and after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God that is the best expression of what occurs for the believer.
1. No matter how much you are blessed in this life after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God you live on this earth under Satan’s rule is simply SURVIVAL.
 2. As long as we live here in this world there is a sense in which we are simply surviving because this is the devil’s world and people are constantly trying to do GOOD things deluded by the world’s worst RATS such as COMMUNISTS.
 3. It is a stinking world and we must survive.
 4. God says with this word, YOU CANNOT LEAVE THIS WORLD UNTIL I WANT YOU TO LEAVE AND ALL HELL CANNOT FORCE YOU FROM THIS WORLD.
 - i. The Devil himself cannot touch a single believer until God is ready for them to come home.
 - ii. Life hangs by a VERY fine thread and so many many things can end a life YET all the forces of Satan’s EVIL and ARMIES of the world cannot take you out of this life until God is ready for you.
 5. ***WE keep on receiving SURVIVAL in this life after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God FROM GOD.***
 - i. ***If God wants us to go we will go and there is no vitamin or medication or surgery or any mechanical mechanism of life support or any other thing which can keep us here***
 - ii. ***AND if God wants us to stay there is nothing in CREATION neither angelic nor human which can take us out of this life.***
 6. Therefore THOSE who fear doing things in life are rejecting the provision of God for this life.
 - i. {ff)Many make excuses saying that we can HURRY things along but this is not true.
 - ii. We are under God’s protection and provision and if his plan calls for us to accomplish something being totally healthy and physically functional then NO MATTER WHAT THINGS WE ENJOY DOING WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE PHYSICALLY FUNCTIONAL AND HEALTHY.}
- D. The Rapture or Translation
1. This means the DEAD believers rise up from the dead and the living believers go straight up with them.
 - i. They are NOT on this earth all go up and no one goes down to the earth again for 7 years.
 - ii. We will meet the Lord in the air and 7 years later Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ returns to the earth with the church.
 - iii. “COMING” is used in the bible for both functions and many ministers, heretics and apostate “bible teachers” who try to put these things together into ONE occurrence and THIS IS FALSE DOCTRINE.
- E. The “coming of the lord” could be
1. The Rapture into the air
 2. The return of the Lord to the Mt of Olives in the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i. There is nothing which helps us in the languages therefore etymology of the Greek cannot help to solve this.

3. The first distinction is between the concepts of private and public
 - i. The Rapture of the church is PRIVATE and ONLY for those in the club of the Royal Family of God body of Christ who are believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ **Acts 1:11**
 - a. These individuals en masse will be removed from this earth to meet Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the air for the receipt of the Resurrection Body and evaluation at the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ.
 - b. The mechanic will be the instantly all the population of the world who are part of the Royal Family of God and ALIVE will be GONE and all dead members of the Royal Family of God will precede them in resurrection.
 - ii. At the 2nd Advent, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is to come back in the same manner as the disciples have seen him go from the Mt of Olives and this is PUBLIC for all human beings to observe. **Zech 14, Rev 1:7**
4. The 2nd distinction is whether believers meet the Lord in the AIR **Acts 1:11** vs Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ returning with believers and standing on the Mt of Olives on the earth. **Zech 14:1-4**
5. The 3rd distinction is after the rapture occurs the Royal Family of God goes on to heaven **John 14** but at the 2nd advent the Royal Family of God comes back to earth **1Thes 3:13**
6. The 4th distinction After the rapture occurs the Royal Family of God receives an OER based on their WORK or DEEDS but after the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the baptism of Fire separates believers from unbelievers to allow only believers into the millennium.
7. The 5th distinction After the rapture God the Holy Spirit is removed from the earth but at the 2nd advent SATAN is removed from the earth.
 - i. One is RESTRAINT removed the other is RELIGION removed respectively.
8. The 6th distinction at the rapture of the church there is a change of the believers body to a Resurrection Body, at the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the Earth is changed to be perfect.
9. The 7th distinction is that regarding the rapture of the church the covenants to Israel remain UNFULFILLED and there is nothing special for the Jew with regard to the rapture BUT at the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the 4 unconditional covenants are fulfilled for the Jews.
10. The 8th distinction is that at the rapture the believers are taken away from the earth **1Thes 4** and at the 2nd advent the unbelievers are taken away from the earth. **Matt 24:47-**
11. The 9th distinction For the believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the idea of the rapture occurring is a COMFORT for all in the Royal Family of God but with regard to the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the idea for all unbelievers is TERROR **Rev 6**
12. The 10th distinction The Rapture of the Church was never revealed in the Old Testament Scripture but the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is clearly revealed.

13. The 2nd coming of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ when it is discussed have many differences in how the scripture describes and details what will occur at that time and we must be very careful when discussing it but the CONTEXT will always indicate which is which.

III. Who is involved in the rapture of the church:

- A. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ
- B. The “dead in Christ” are those in the Royal Family of God who have departed from this life and they will rise first.
 1. At the rapture of the church the SOUL and SPIRIT of the DEAD believer will return to the body of the dead believer and having merged together this believer will rise to meet the Lord in the air.
 2. Some people get all worried about not being able to FIND a believers body to bury it.
 3. Literally MILLIONS of dollars have been spent for instance by the military service trying to find bodies on battlefields and bring them back to bury them here but the reality is it makes no difference whatsoever.
 4. When the rapture occurs the soul and spirit will return to the BODY where ever it was when LIFE was ended.
 5. This is not a problem for the Lord and it is a bit morbid to make so much fuss about the Empty Body and with the soul and spirit being with the Lord it makes no difference what happens to the EMPTY BODY.
 6. The body soul and spirit will re-merge and leave this earth in that state being resurrected.
 7. These Thessalonian believer did not have to be concerned about loved ones who died missing the rapture because an instant before the living believers get their Resurrection Bodies the dead believers will receive theirs first.
- C. All believers living will be caught up into the air to meet the dead believers and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the air and all this will be provided by God.
- D. Paul commands them to STOP all the whining and panic expressions but COMFORT one another.
 1. If the believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ knows the doctrines of Phase III it is the basis for comforting anyone who is bereaved and in sorrow.
 2. Human consolations are idiotic when trying to comfort bereaved individuals.
 3. What people need when grieving the loss of loved ones is the words from Bible Doctrine NOT inordinate false sympathy.
 4. We are not to be devoid of sympathy either but human consolation is so overemphasized.
 5. ONLY Bible Doctrine can provide comfort to the survivor of a dead loved one.
 6. The scripture says for the believer simply that YOU WILL MEET your loved ones again.
 7. Knowledge of Bible Doctrine regarding eternity is the source of comfort for those who remain in Life in time.

1Thes 4:13

v13: But I do not ever wish you believers to be or remain ignorant concerning those BELIEVERS who are benefited by being asleep in physical death, that you may not sorrow or grieve as the rest of the unbelievers who have no hope.

1Thes 4:14

v14: For if we believe or have expressed faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone, and we do, that Jesus died and rose again, so also those Believers who have fallen asleep in physical death through Jesus, will God bring with him .

1Thes 4:15

v15: For this doctrine we keep on communicating to you for your advantage in the sphere of the word of the Lord, so that we, as believers in the Royal Family of God, who remain alive, who keep on receiving survival from God after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God until the coming of the Lord in the air at the rapture, shall not precede or prevent those who have fallen asleep.

1Thes 4:16

v16: For the lord himself shall descend from heaven with a universally loud voice, a command, with the voice of the commanding archangel, with the military trumpet for assembly of the angels of God, and the Dead in Christ (dead Believers) will rise, for the benefit of the believer, first.

1Thes 4:17

v17: Then we who are alive and keep on surviving to the end to their advantage will be caught up to meet the dead believers in the air for the purpose of meeting the lord in the air, and so shall we always be with the Lord.

1Thes 4:18

v18: Therefore keep on comforting one another, believers, with these words of this doctrine.

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I. Operation Light

A. Dispensations:

1. Definition:

- i. This is a period and category of Human History expressed in terms of divine revelation
- ii. There are many interpretations of History including:
 - a. Economic
 - b. Personality
 - c. Divine as Dispensations
- iii. It is a period of history from the Divine Viewpoint a divine category for divine interpretation of history

2. The Basic Dispensation is the Age of Israel which occupies MOST of the Old Testament Scripture.

i. There are 3 unfinished Beginnings

- a. Grace which began with Abram – Abraham and concludes with the Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i) From Abraham to Pentecost
 - ii) During this period God started by dealing with Israel the nation called for a special purpose of preserving and presenting the word of God by means of GRACE.
 - iii) This grace halted as a Modus Operandi by giving of the Mosaic Law and it is postponed and fulfilled in the Church Age.
- b. During this period God promised Israel after the Babylonian captivity 490 Years to evangelize the world and fulfill this principle.
 - i) This was cut off by the cross of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ 7 years short.

- ii) This will be finished in the tribulation
 - c. God then promised David he would have a Son who would reign forever and this was cut off by the Crucifixion.
 - i) Therefore the Kingdom which is cut off in the Church Age is continued after the resurrection of the church and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as son of David will reign in the millennium and then forever.
3. Israel is the 4th and basic dispensation.
- i. There are 3 dispensations on this side of Israel
 - a. Church Age
 - b. Tribulation
 - c. Millennium
 - ii. There are 3 dispensations Prior to the Age of Israel which emphasize Salvation which is always the same as Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 - a. These occupy VERY little of the Bible content
 - b. Innocence Gen 1-3
 - c. Conscience Gen 4-8
 - d. Nationalism Gen 9-12
 - i) This does not give us details of these 3 dispensations because these dispensations cover at least 2000 years of history.
 - iii. One thing is emphasized in the divine revelation of these 3 early dispensations and that is Divine Institutions.
 - a. These are for all members of the Human Race to keep things in order and keep the Human Race from self destruction.
 - i) Were it not for these Divine Institutions the Human Race would have long ago destroyed itself.
 - b. Volition – Free Will established in the Age of Innocence when Adam had a right to CHOOSE the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or NOT along with Ishah.
 - i) This introduced the concept of Free Will and Freedom and is the basic concept of Freedom.
 - c. Marriage – this has to be followed by volition giving us choice of a lifetime partner.
 - d. Family – this came out to us in the 2nd dispensation Conscience when Adam and Ishah were removed from the garden and told to populate the earth.
 - e. Nationalism – comes out in the 3rd dispensation with the introduction of national entities and there is no place in scripture for internationalism of any kind until the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ when he will reign over the whole earth for the millennium.
 - i) The only brotherhood that scripture recognizes is that of believers in the Royal Family of God or Family of God.
 - ii) Consequently the UNIVERSAL brotherhood or man and the UNIVERSAL fatherhood of God are not recognized and FALSE.

- iv. These Divine Institution have reached a peak in what we have had in the past in the Unites States of America and all our personal freedoms are based on the principles and doctrine of Volition.
 - a. Marriage and Family are the basis for stability in society
 - b. Nationalism has demonstrated that STRONG national entities have given us times of world peace in the past.
 - i) The Unites States of America
 - ii) The British Empire
 - iii) ETC.
 - c. These days of peace under such nations as Britain under Victoria and Christian Influence in the United States of America are GONE.
 - d. We Will have wars and more wars as a result of the influence of Internationalism which was demonstrated by our involvement in the united nations and their inherent EVIL.
 - i) This is also seen in legislation for military reduction and disarmament of the population which has been an ONGOING effort for some 70 years or more.
 - ii) This has meant increased domestic vulnerability to crime and increased national vulnerability to outside attacks as we have seen on 9/11/2001
 - iii) In the Unites States of America we have had and continue to some degree to Own and Bear Weapons for our entire history and this is a symbol of the freedom we have had.
 - e. It was at this time (1960) that our leaders were attempting to throw us into internationalism through the united nation and the world court which has meant a continued and consistent destruction of our inherent freedoms.
 - i) These freedoms are led by our RIGHT to assemble together and worship God.
 - ii) As a result of these ONGOING and ENHANCED anti Christian attacks on our freedoms the BIBLE is being indirectly attacked itself.
 - v. The more we understand these 3 early dispensations and the 4 Divine Institutions which come from them the less we can be deceived by these events.
 - a. Therefore the more we understand dispensations the more we can see the things going on today and see the trends leading us away from the influence of Christianity in all areas especially political fields.
- B. The greatest point in Dispensational teaching is a recognition of the fundamental difference between Israel and the church
1. Always remember that though there are 7 dispensations there is always ONLY 1 means of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God that is through Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone as he is revealed in that dispensation.
 2. Age of Israel – Abraham to the Cross
 - i. Israel always operated under a specialized priesthood the Levitical Priests where one tribe and one family depended on this priesthood.

- a. If they were believers and spiritual under the Old Testament Scripture concepts of spirituality everything would be great for Israel as a result of the spiritual impact.
 - b. One of the reasons for the rise of and preaching by the Prophets was a result of the decadence in the Levitical Priesthood.
 - ii. They operated with this specialized priesthood under a “shadow” christology.
 - a. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was revealed through “shadows” of analogy between offerings and Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - i) Passover Lamb == Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ dying for all sins.
 - ii) Feasts of Unleavened bread Articles of furniture and other materials looking forward to Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - iii) The Modus Operandi of the Levitical priesthood.
 - b. There are a few exceptions such as Is 53, Ps 22, and some others.
 - iii. Israel had positional truth based on the unconditional covenants to Israel.
 - a. Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, New (Jer 33:3-)
 - b. These all had as a central position of Eternal Life and when ever any Jew OR GENTILE expressed faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone he was to have this Eternal Life promise for eternity.
 - iv. There was a legal Way of Life for believers in Israel in the Old Testament Scripture in Codex III
 - a. This depended on Human Merit and blessing was a result of following the Mosaic Law rules.
 - i) Diet, crop rotation, Hygiene, ETC.
 - v. God the Holy Spirit in the Age of Israel only indwelt a few special believers for a special jobs.
 - a. Kings – David, Saul
 - b. Prophets, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekial, ETC
 - c. Certain Priests who were believers
 - d. Certain judges
 - e. When these men became Carnal they could lose this Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit which caused David in Ps 51 to pray for this to NOT occur.
 - i) Saul is an example of LOSS of God the Holy Spirit.
 - vi. Revelation could occur in many ways:
 - a. Direct contact with God:
 - i) Christologies
 - a) Animate
 - (i) Burning Bush
 - b) Inanimate
 - (i) The Angel of the Lord
 - b. Dreams and visions
 - c. Direct Speaking
- 3. Church Age – Pentecost to the rapture
 - i. There is a UNIVERSAL priesthood where all believers are royal priests representing self to God.

- ii. In the Church Age we have a historical christology and everything concerning the person and work of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ past present and future is recorded now in the canon of scripture.
- iii. Positional Truth is based on the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit whereby all believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ are placed into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ by God the Holy Spirit at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
- iv. A Supernatural Way of Life is The Christian Way of Life in the Church Age is HIGH above the Mosaic Law and supersedes the law and demands things which are impossible for the flesh to execute and therefore require the power of God the Holy Spirit demanding therefore the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
- v. In the Church Age every believer is under the UNIVERSAL Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - a. This means that believers have certain supernatural requirements before the Lord and also the means of their execution.
- vi. In the Church Age we have the completed Canon and this is the ONLY source of revelation from God.

C. These distinctions between Israel and the church make up the differences in the Christian Way of Life for those in the Age of Israel and those in the Church Age

1. We have a supernatural way of life in the Church Age.
 - i. Universal priesthood allows us to
 - a. use the rebound procedure to regain fellowship,
 - b. to have effective prayer,
 - c. engage in offerings and giving and sacrifices the exclusive right of the priest
 - d. Divine Good works
 - e. be spiritually self sustaining
2. Historical Christology allows us to know Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ through Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine.
 - i. By the daily study of Bible Doctrine and exposing self to the teaching of our right Pastor Teacher we come to a great knowledge of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ which in fact exceeds that of the disciples when Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was in Hypostatic Union.
3. We are in UNION with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and sustain a PERMANENT PERSONAL relationship with him.
 - i. Nothing can separate us from this position and all our experiences are based on the fact that we are in union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
4. The supernatural way of life and the ability to truly love all believers and be truly humble seeing life from the Divine Viewpoint and have the total basis for inner happiness, peace, power and stability.
5. We have the completed canon of scripture with all the promises of God to claim and use both Old Testament Scripture and New Testament Scripture and LIVE in the most challenging of dispensations.
6. Following our dispensation of the church will be the Tribulation Matt 24-25, Rev 6-19
7. Following this is the Millennial reign of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on this earth where God provides a perfect environment on the earth MINUS religion which is essential for perfect environment.

- i. There will be great spirituality and great prosperity and great justice etc.
- 8. ONLY those who are born again under Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God can appreciate this perfect environment without religion.
 - i. At the end of the 1000 years Satan is released from prison and he comes back and immediately starts a great revolt against perfect environment among the unbelievers showing that perfect environment is not a solution to mans problem but only regeneration by Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 - ii. This is the failing of the social gospel which emphasizes changing man's environment and attempting to improve it whereas biblical Christianity emphasizes regeneration through Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God by means of faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone with the provision of Eternal Life for the individual.
- 9. Regeneration is the ONLY way to enjoy eternity.

II. Summary of the Unique Factors of Operation Light which apply to ALL members of the Royal Family of God:

- A. We are in union with the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as a result of the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. We are in union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and cannot get out of it.
 - 2. We have Eternal Security and everything God provides is based on the fact that we have an eternal relationship with the Sovereignty of God.
- B. Every believer is indwelt by the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ **John 14:20**
 - 1. The purpose is for fellowship in order that we will never again be alone.
 - 2. All members of the Human Race might forsake you but Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ will NEVER do so.
- C. Every believer is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit.
- D. Every believer is his own royal priest and therefore responsible for representing himself before the Lord.
- E. Every believer has the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit placing us into union with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- F. Completed Canon of scripture where we have the thinking of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in writing and thus the word of God to be learned and absorbed and used.
- G. We have a supernatural way of life as a result of these first 6 with divine power to be used to become productive with our divine operating assets.

III. 2 aspects of Operation Light

- A. Evangelism:
 - 1. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ predicted this in **Matt 5:13-16**
 - i. Every believer is recipient and custodian of the gospel and God having deposited the gospel with us intends for it to bear compound interest and as a result we as believers have a personal responsibility for witnessing.
- B. Filling of God the Holy Spirit as the Light of our Spiritual Life **Eph 5:8-18, Acts 1:8**

IV. Operation Light is confined to the Church Age NOT the tribulation.

- A. We know from Chapter 4 that all believers will reach eternity and have a Resurrection Body either by DEATH or the Rapture and we will all be with the Lord.
 - 1. Therefore the future is to be a great comfort to all believers.
- B. Times == an extended period of time covering or overlapping several dispensations
 - 1. There came a time when Gentiles began to dominate Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar in the Age of Israel and this continues in the Church Age and Tribulation and terminates with the 2nd advent of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ

2. Starting with the fall of Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar going through the Church Age and through the tribulation to the 2nd advent
 3. This is the “Times of the Gentiles” **Luke 21:24**
 4. This is saying that operation light is not going to be a part of the tribulation even though the times of the gentiles is.
- C. Seasons == refers to a specific period of time referring here to the Church Age.
- D. There are TIMES and SEASONS
1. We must understand the dispensations around us the Age of Israel and the Tribulation as it continuation, Millennium, the 2nd advent and other factors around the Church Age which will help us understand certain unique features of the Church Age.
 2. Paul has not reason to write more to these believers about these distinctions and he now moves on in his discussion.
- E. The first thing needed in Operation Light is HISTORICAL ORIENTATION
1. We must understand the dispensations, the Divine Institution, distinctions between the Age of Israel and the Church Age, the responsibility of the believer in the Church Age and therefore our personal responsibility before the Lord in order to ORIENT and become productive as a believer.
- F. This was a problem for the Thessalonian believers who thought that the Day of the Lord had already begun.
1. “Day of the Lord” refers to the tribulation, 2nd advent, Millennial Reign of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. This does not begin until the Royal Family of God Church is removed
 3. It is called also the “day of Christ”
 4. Someone had confused these believers into thinking that they were in fact in the tribulation and they would not get straightened out until 2Thes 2.
- G. The coming of the Day of the Lord “Like a Thief in the Night” is an analogy to robbers who came suddenly not silently.
1. He came in quickly to rob in order to surprise the victim
 2. The Rapture of the church will be very sudden and the Royal Family of God alive at the rapture will be removed very quickly.
 3. At the moment of the removal of the church the Day of the Lord will then begin.
- H. Just before the day of the Lord this most awful time on the earth there will be great apostasy on the earth.
1. International Ecumenical religion will be occurring
 2. There will be great talk about Peace and SAFETY.
 3. People in clergy, religious or political organizations talk about Peace and Safety they ignore the principle of:
 - i. The Old Sin Nature Doctrine which says all men have an Old Sin Nature and it takes FORCE to keep him in line.
 - a. He cannot be kept in line by platitudes but we need law and Law Enforcement and capital punishment.
 - b. If we removed all law man would find a means of using whatever was available to destroy others in the Human Race.
 - c. This is the reason for nationalism and military and Law Enforcement functions.
 - d. “Wars and Rumors of Wars” will constantly occurs.
 4. Peace is Socialism or any form of pseudo peace provided by Man and his efforts.
 5. Safety is human security apart from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.

- i. See Jer 6 + 23 the conquest of the Jews by Nebuchadnezzar.
 - I. Believers who have Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul cannot be deceived by these promises or statements of peace and security by man's efforts but know they are not in the tribulation period.
 - 1. When the rapture of the church occurs this sudden destruction will come but it cannot be here since the Church Age continues and the Royal Family of God is still here under the restraining ministry of God the Holy Spirit. 2Thes 2
- V. All believers in the Church Age without regard to their successes or failures and however long we live on this earth we are personal representatives of the Lord.
 - A. As his representative we are here to glorify him through the witness of your life, your lips and execution of the Protocol Plan of God the supernatural Christian Way of Life.
 - B. We have the assets give us by God at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and as long as we live we represent him and are under OPERATION LIGHT the most marvelous thing designed by God.
 - 1. There is no validity nor distinction between the average believer and anyone in a "special" ministry and there is no such thing as going into FULL TIME CHRISTIAN service different from the function of every believer every day.
 - C. We live in the Church Age not the tribulation and as long as we live here we are to represent him to those in our periphery.
 - 1. We can and should represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ constantly and the way we can start is with rebound.
 - 2. As long as we live in this life the Lord has a purpose for our life and when we are functioning in that purpose he provides wonderful bi-products of inner happiness and blessing.
 - 3. Our mission as ambassadors for Christ is vital and has eternal repercussions and we are a member of this team in operation light.
 - 4. When we wake we should thank God for our being in operation light.

1Thes 5:1

v1: But, in contrast to 1Thes 4, concerning the times, when Gentiles dominate Jerusalem from Nebuchadnezzar to the 2nd advent of Christ and the seasons specifically the Church Age, brothers in the Royal Family of God, you have no need that I write anything to you.

1Thes 5:2

v2: For you yourselves, have learned this in the past and retain it in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul, accurately, that the day of the Lord comes SUDDENLY like a thief in the night.

1Thes 5:3

v3: Then when internationalism, the United Nations, World Council of Churches or any form shall say, "peace" from socialism or any of man's efforts and "safety or security" apart from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God, (Jer 6+23) then the Royal Family of God Church will be removed and sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape.

1Thes 5:4

v4: But you believers in the Royal Family of God, are not deceived or in darkness by this talk, for that day to surprise you like a thief since you will be already removed from this world.

1Thes 5:5

v5: For all you believers of the Royal Family of God are all always the children of light the children of the day of the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ the Church Age; we are not of the night nor of darkness, not in the tribulation but in the Church Age to represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

Lesson #10 Series # 461 6/1/2019 1Thes 5:6

- I. The facets of Operation Light, Phase II of the Plan of God for the Believer, Life in Time.
 - A. Every believer is a representative of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ an Ambassador for Christ in the Devil's world.

1. As such we are responsible to function under those assets which he has provided for us and he has provided all that is needed to glorify him in time.
 - i. For production
 - ii. For Peace
 - iii. For Blessing
 - iv. For Power
 - v. For strength.
- B. Opportunity for Service: v6-10
1. As long as we as Royal Family of God are on this earth we have opportunity to serve Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 2. "Sleep" here is used for believers having no knowledge of Bible Doctrine and lacking awareness of what is occurring around oneself.
 - i. This is lack of what Bible Doctrine actually teaches us
 - ii. It is a REAL danger that the believer is sleeping through life without Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - iii. If sleeping is ignorance of Bible Doctrine then staying alert is inculcating Bible Doctrine and then applying it to experience.
 3. If we are to be of service to Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in time we MUST have an understanding of Bible Doctrine which makes us alert and aware of what is happening around us.
 - i. People who function consistently under Positive Volition toward Bible Doctrine will always be MORE aware of how serious things are NOW and have been since this lesson was originally taught.
 - ii. This alertness is having Discernment and when people live asleep they may live a very long time but have no idea what is going on around them.
 - iii. Christians without Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul never really know what is going on around them.
 4. "Be Sober" is here STABILITY of Mind.
 - i. We must have Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul to have stability of the soul.
 - ii. Being sober has to do with what you think and be alert has to do with your application of what you think.
 - iii. These together make for a very wonderful person one who knows and applies Bible Doctrine consistently.
- C. "Night" anticipates the tribulation in contrast to the Church Age which is operation light.
1. The Church Age == Operation Light and it will be followed by Darkness
 2. The Tribulation == a period of Darkness immediately after the Church Age
 3. WE in the Royal Family of God are Living in the Daylight NOT Darkness ie NOT THE TRIBULATION.
 - i. This was the confusion of many of the believers in Thessalonika.
 - ii. The Royal Family of God, The Church does not go through the tribulation and we must orient ourselves to OUR OWN dispensation.
 4. Darkness is a time to SLEEP and we must be alert in the Church Age to what is occurring around us.
- D. Many things go on at NIGHT some sleeping some getting drunk which are antithetical but both are OPERATION DARKNESS which is the Tribulation.
1. There is also the Darkness of Ignorance of Bible Doctrine and many are wandering around in ignorance and have gone to sleep at the switch and don't

know what is occurring OR are practicing ESCAPISM madly knowing that they don't have much longer to ignore life.

2. Darkness is Ignorance and LIGHT is enlightenment and the Plan of God is LIGHT and is clearly revealed and meaningful and full of purpose and definition while darkness is IGNORANCE and lack of understanding of is going on.

E. We as believers in the Royal Family of God belong to the DAY that being the dispensation of the Church Age and we have NO EXCUSE for Ignorance of Bible Doctrine or darkness when we have the enlightenment of the word of God.

1. We are encouraged to KEEP being stabilized in our Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul from maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine NO MATTER WHAT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE HAPPEN TO BE.

2. This mental stability is POTENTIAL and depends of the Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and then its APPLICATION.

3. If we are to have a stabilized Mental Attitude we must put on the armor from God including the breast plate and helmet.

i. We receive benefit from this.

4. Faith here is the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) while Love is the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.

5. If we are to serve the Lord in Life in time we must use the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) consistently.

6. These are not the only things we must use but they are very important in divine service.

7. We must use the promises and doctrines of God in the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) function and we must be under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit to do so effectively.

F. Therefore We as Royal Family of God having Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul are NOT stupid and not ignorant of what is occurring around us.

1. We know that we constantly live on the edge of a potential volcano and that our life hangs from a very fine thread which might break at any moment.

2. Consequently we are not under illusions as to what goes on around us or what the realities of life are but we do not respond with panic but remember that we have a marvelous future which nothing can destroy ever.

3. It is a grim thought process to recognize how really bad things are especially in the big cities and the rational thing to do is to LEAVE and move to a more open area and prepare to KILL any Russian or Chinese or AMERICAN communists or MOSLEMS who feel good enough to try to bother us.

4. However we also know that God has made provision for us in an eternal future where our blessing and benefits cannot and will not ever be destroyed.

5. We cannot ever be secure in time as Man counts security but we have ETERNAL security which begins at the start of Phase II, Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and continues through Phase III our everlasting life with the Lord.

6. Many people find happiness by anticipation of things which they will do in the future and this is our HELMET here.

7. The Breastplate here is the use of the basic techniques of the Christian Way of Life in time

8. The Helmet is our anticipation of our future with the Lord in eternity.

II. Life in the future v9-10

- A. Our life has a future and our present activity is meaningful BECAUSE it has ETERNAL repercussions.
 - 1. Our future is not connected with the tribulation, here Wrath.
 - 2. We have been provided deliverance from the tribulation by Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in this Church Age and the subsequent Rapture of the Church.
 - B. Our future is connected to the rapture of the church and our deliverance is from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone who endured a Substitutionary Spiritual Death FOR US.
 - 1. NO ONE in the Royal Family of God should try to live together unless and until they have accepted Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and his Substitutionary Spiritual Death on the cross for all human sin.
 - 2. It is painfully OBVIOUS that the members of the Human Race cannot actually live together no matter what the United Nations or social gospel or Sunday school literature keeps on trying to infer.
 - 3. Man with his Old Sin Nature is never international 'brotherhood' but it is international 'dog eat dog'
 - 4. Some dogs are strong and some are spineless and we will never improve this Status Quo of the world by disarmament or brotherhood or the UN concepts which in fact seek to destroy us.
 - 5. The ONLY answer to man's problems are found at the Cross of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - 6. The solution to man's problems is not man trying to solve his problems by his own devices but MAN accepting GOD'S solution which is Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 - C. Whether the believer is awake or alive at the rapture of the church or asleep or DEAD at the rapture ALL believers of the Church Age will participate in it and be removed from this earth.
 - 1. Many of these believers in Thessalonika had already died and others were disturbed because these dead ones had not lived long enough to see the rapture.
 - 2. There was NO sense in the Thessalonians being upset by missing the rapture of the church because in the 1st Century AD the rapture would not have taken place.
 - 3. They actually thought that any Christian who died prior to the rapture occurring would MISS the whole thing **1Thes 4**
 - 4. v10 has 2 3rd class conditional clauses which indicate potential and therefore it is saying that it makes no difference whether you are alive or dead when the rapture occurs as a member of the Royal Family of God of the Church Age YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN IT.
 - D. WE will after the rapture of the church LIVE everlasting life with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ forever.
 - 1. We have a life with an incredible future with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in eternity.
- III. The Present results of the rapture: v11
- A. The confidence of v8 of deliverance is MEETING Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the air at the rapture.
 - B. 3 sources of Hope
 - 1. Comfort each other together by understanding Bible Doctrine of the future and applying them.

2. You cannot comfort the unbeliever and the only comfort for the unbeliever is Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone.
 3. The only issue for the unbeliever is what think ye of Christ.
 4. To comfort one another we should not forget that we can anticipate the rapture and our eternal life provisions and blessings.
 5. These believers were apparently beginning to catch on and were teaching one another with regard to this rapture doctrine confusion.
- IV. Third Facet of Operation Light, recognition of leadership and authority.
- A. In the Royal Family of God in the local church of the Church Age there must be many Indians and only ONE chief.
 1. There must be proper leadership in the local church and in any organization in life else everyone suffers.
 2. These will assume responsibility for the sheep in the organization.
 - B. In the Royal Family of God we must know from the Metabolized Bible Doctrine we have who our leaders are in the local church and our Spiritual Life functions.
 1. You cannot operate under the leadership of any local church unless you KNOW the leadership.
 2. This is the secret of church membership in the New Testament Scripture churches.
 3. The secret is not just to JOIN a church and there were and in fact still are 2 characteristics for joining any local church
 - i. Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God
 - ii. Submission to the authority and leadership of the Pastor Teacher and administration of that local church.
 4. In any local church you are actually a member if you are a believer and simply recognize the authority of the Pastor Teacher and the rest of the organization.
 - i. It is very important to know you leaders and in war many surrender not because they were out of supplies of ammo or food or in a desperate situation but because they could not find their leaders.
 - ii. Many times military organizations have surrendered because of LACK of leadership.
 - a. Korean War, World War II many examples
 - iii. You MUST have leadership whether you like it or recognize its necessity and there must be AUTHORITY in any organization especially the local church.
 - C. One of the characteristics of proper leadership is that they LABOR to the point of EXHAUSTION.
 1. Studying 40 to 50 hours per week or more, hearing ONLY Bad News constantly (Like we do today in our media and entertainment), these are EXHAUSTING and this is Leadership.
 2. We should know that:
 - i. Bonifide Christian Leadership is most often physical exhaustion.
 - ii. When ministers take a vacation they should get FAR away without any outside communications available for anyone.
 - D. Another characteristic of Proper leadership is that they are in authority over the believer in the congregation before the Lord.
 1. It is for the benefit of the leader and the follower for this to occur.
 - E. Leadership in the local church:

1. We are to know or recognize leadership in order for there to be peace in the local church.
 - i. This is not degrading in any way to the individual believer
- V. After recognition there is an advance with regard to leadership.
 - A. We are to have high regard or high thought for the leadership of the local church.
 - B. We are to do this in order that there be PEACE in the congregation of the local church and this depends on leadership functioning as leadership should.
- VI. Principle:
 - A. Biblically authorized leadership is the basis for peace in any congregation.
 1. The absence of this leadership means perpetual trouble in the congregation.
 2. One purpose of the leadership of the local church is to maintain peace among the members of the congregation.
- VII. Responsibility of Leadership, the Pastor Teacher and the Administrators or Deacons: v14-15
 - A. Pastor Teachers are EXHORTED in 6 areas as leadership of the local church:
 1. The leaders are to WARN those who are unruly in the congregation and who cannot stay in line with proper function and policy of the local church
 - i. Leadership must therefore obviously KNOW Bible Doctrine else this cannot be accomplished.
 - B. In addition they are to encourage or comfort with words those who try through becoming hysterical to impose their will on others.
 1. There are people in life who will always try to get their way by throwing tantrums and who try to impose their will and ideas on everyone around them.
 - i. They are never satisfied until everyone is doing what they want.
 - ii. When someone resists this they throw a tantrum and become hysterical and keep on raising hell until everyone gets with their ideas.
 - iii. This is a constantly hysterical person who wants to die and always threatens to commit suicide wishing they were dead and weeping and wailing etc.
 - iv. This one cannot live one moment at a time and cannot claim any promises of Bible Doctrine.
 - C. As a result of this we should also support or exercise ZEALOUS care over the WEAK.
 1. We are to protect and care for infant or new believers who lack any appreciable Bible Doctrine content in their Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
 - i. Keep them away from legalism, asceticism, bullying, negativism, and any other detrimental concepts.
 - ii. New believer must be left to their own devices in order to LEARN Bible Doctrine and grow up in the Spiritual Life at their own pace and by their own means.
 - iii. These believer must be given time to learn Bible Doctrine and change what they do in life according to what they learn.
 - iv. Many Christians cannot discern between spiritual infants and mature believers and think all Christians should all live exactly alike.
 - v. This is obviously ludicrous.
 - vi. You cannot feed infants what adults eat and you cannot feed doctrine to infants which adults have already learned.
 - vii. GOD DOES NOT EXPECT EVERY BELIEVER TO LIVE ALIKE.
 2. God expects certain things from EVERY BELIEVER.
 - i. All should be under Filling of God the Holy Spirit as much as possible.

- ii. All must live by the techniques of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and other Problem Solving Devices.
 - iii. All believers should strive to be under Occupation with the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - 3. All believers MUST learn Bible Doctrine BUT no 2 believers are in the same stage of spiritual growth and consequently because of this GOD does not expect the same Modus Operandi from the infant believer as he does from the mature believer.
 - i. Consequently WE have no right to try to superimpose a behavior pattern on a new believer who is devoid of Bible Doctrine.
 - ii. When we do try this it is most often bullying and it chases the new believer away from Bible Doctrine and results in his becoming a spiritual moron.
 - iii. It is the responsibility of the Pastor Teacher and the informed mature believer know what issues are important to new believers.
 - iv. New believer who get off to a good start with proper orientation and feeding they will grow up properly.
 - 4. There are vast differences between the new believer and the mature believer in the Spiritual Life.
 - i. We are disillusioned if we think we can rubber stamp what a believer should act like for all believers.
 - ii. For new believers there must be a lapse of time after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God for them to become more cognizant of Bible Doctrine.
 - iii. 2Thes 5:17 is totally misunderstood and it is "IN CHRIST" that the believer is a new creature, POSITIONALLY, **NOT EXPERIENTIALLY.**
 - iv. We often expect miraculous changes in the new believer and if they are not forthcoming then some believers simply bully them into it.
 - 5. In the local church it must be emphasized that:
 - i. The congregation must mind their own business and never emphasize Taboos
 - ii. Bible Doctrine must be emphasized which will help in the spiritual growth of the new believer.
 - 6. There is another kind of WEAK Rom 14:1
 - i. This is the believer who has been a believer for a long time but is IGNORANT of Bible Doctrine and we must treat them as we do the new or infant believer.
- D. Leadership is to be patient with all those in the congregation.
 - 1. This means that leadership cannot be quite human about their functions and they will be criticized in what they do.
- E. Leaders must not allow Christians to bully other Christians
 - 1. This is rendering or repaying EVIL for EVIL.
 - 2. There are 3 categories which function in this way:
 - i. The Devil's man
 - a. He repays EVIL for Good
 - ii. The World's Man
 - a. Repays EVIL for Evil and GOOD for Good.
 - iii. The Lord's Man

- a. Repays Good for Evil.
 - b. This is placing injustice in the hands of the Lord instead of using natural laws of retaliation.
 - 3. It is the responsibility of Christian leadership to see that believers to not repay evil for evil and fall into the satanic trap and use natural laws of retaliation.
 - i. This is an extension of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and if you put things into the hands of the Lord you will not repay evil for evil but will render GOOD for evil putting all in the hands of the Lord.
 - ii. Vengeance is mine, I WILL REPAY says the Lord.
- F. Follow that which is always the good, this is the good of intrinsic value or Bible Doctrine.

1Thes 5:6

v6: Therefore, I invite you to or let us, not sleep, and YOU keep this from ever occurring, as the rest who are ignorant of Bible Doctrine, but in contrast, let us stay alert for application of what you think and be self disciplined, stabilized in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.

1Thes 5:7

v7: For those who sleep, sleep in the Night of the Tribulation in contrast to the Day of the Church Age OR in the darkness of IGNORANCE of Bible Doctrine, and those who get drunken are drunken at night.

1Thes 5:18

v8: But, since we belong to the day, the dispensation of the Church Age, and have no excuse for ignorance of Bible Doctrine, let us keep on making it a habit to be mentally stabilized in the Right Lobe of the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul no matter what the circumstances are, and put on the breastplate of the Faith Rest Drill (4 categories) and Filling of God the Holy Spirit, and put on the helmet of the hope or confidence of our deliverance for our benefit which anticipates our blessings in eternity.

1Thes 5:9

v9: For God the Father has not even begun to have appointed or destined us in the Royal Family of God of the Church Age for the tribulation, but to obtaining or keeping of deliverance from the tribulation through the instrument of our deliverance, our Lord Jesus Christ in the rapture of the church,

1Thes 5:10

v10: Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, Who died a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for us that IF we are awake, living at the time of the rapture, maybe we will be and maybe not, or IF we are asleep, having died before the rapture occurs, maybe we will be and maybe not, we will live together with him forever.

1Thes 5:11

v11: Therefore as believers in the Royal Family of God comfort one another with doctrines of the rapture and keep on edifying or engaging in Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine with one another, just as you are already doing.

1Thes 5:12

v12: But we keep on asking you believers in the Royal Family of God, to KNOW from the Metabolized Bible Doctrine in your Stream of Consciousness of the Soul, those Pastor Teachers who diligently labor to the point of exhaustion among you and both are benefited by their having charge or authority over you in the lord leading from in front of you, and admonish or put good sense in where there is bad sense and give you instruction via Bible Doctrine teaching.

1Thes 5:13

v13: and that you habitually esteem them, having high regard for them, super abundantly, in the sphere of the Love complex because of their work, and keep on being at peace with yourselves for your advantage.

1Thes 5:14

v14: And we exhort you, brethren, Pastor Teachers, admonish or warn or put sense into the unruly who break ranks getting out of step with Bible Doctrine, encourage or exercise gentle influence with words for the small souled or fainthearted or hysterical psychopath, exercise zealous care over or support the weak, infant believers and be patient, exercising long suffering with them all.

1Thes 5:15

v15: Keep on seeing to it that no one repays evil for evil, do not allowing Christians to bully other Christians (apply the Royal Law); keep on pursuing or chasing always the good of intrinsic value Bible Doctrine among believers and to the unbeliever as well.

- I. The Responsibility of the Believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the Royal Family of God.
 - A. Christian responsibility deals with the life of the believer in TIME after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 1. God the Father authored the divine plan of GRACE dealing with the Human Race.
 2. Phase I == Salvation Grace whereby God has provided Eternal Life for all the Human Race by means of the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross becoming our sin bearer.
 - i. He was resurrected and ascended and is seated at the right hand of God the Father in Session and this ends Phase I its being executed by God the Son Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 3. Phase II == the Believer in Time and Immediately after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God we enter into Phase II.
 - i. This is found in 1Thes 5:16-20 and the Executor of Phase II is God the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer.
 - a. The indwelling of God the Holy Spirit for all believers occurs because the Christian Way of Life for the Church Age is a SUPERNATURAL Way of Life and demands a SUPERNATURAL execution.
 - ii. Phase II ends at the Death of the believer or the resurrection of the church.
 4. Phase III == the Believer in Eternity
 - i. The executor of Phase III is God the Father.
 - B. Every Christian alive in time has a purpose and God has a purpose for ever Christian life and we represent God on this earth as believers.
 1. It makes no difference what we do in life for our vocation or avocation in time we are ambassadorial representatives for Christ on this earth.
 - C. Good and Evil is the plan and policy of Satan for ruling this world.
 1. Bible Doctrine clearly defines what is good and what is bad in life in essence violating the principles of Bible Doctrine and Laws of Divine Establishment but there is another facet which is generally ignored.
 2. There is also GOOD vs GOOD
 - i. All good is not spirituality and there is a difference between that which is spiritual and that which is good.
 - ii. The unbeliever is the human who has not received Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior and many are totally capable and constantly perform Good deeds or acts.
 - iii. Often we have to describe these people as GOOD people despite being unbelievers they are good and accomplish some good.
 - iv. This may be relative good in comparison with other things which are not good.
 - v. All this good is accomplished in the “energy of the flesh” or “Human Power” and it is all good but NOT spirituality since the unbeliever cannot be spiritual.
 - vi. Spirituality requires Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and this is PHASE I.
 - vii. It is impossible for any human being to be spiritual until he enters PHASE II post salvation life.

- viii. All the good done accomplished prior to Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God for anyone is NOT spirituality and is NOT Divine Good.
- 3. The responsibility of the believer in the Royal Family of God is the production of the GOOD which is executed in the power of God the Holy Spirit as against good executed in the energy of the flesh power.
 - i. Anything produced from the energy of the flesh power is not part of the Christian Way of Life since the Christian Way of Life is a supernatural way of life EXECUTED IN THE POWER OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - ii. We are here to produce under the power of God the Holy Spirit with maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul NOT from the energy of the flesh.

D. The 7 Principles of Spirituality:

- 1. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ fulfilled the law **Matt 5:17**
 - i. Understanding this means we must know something about the Mosaic Law.
 - a. The Mosaic Law is not only the Decalogue and these 10 commandments are only a very small part of the Mosaic Law.
 - b. The Mosaic Law covers most of the first 5 books of the bible and is divided into 3 parts.
 - ii. Codex I == the Moral Law including the Decalogue and other moral and ethical issues.
 - a. This shows the individual that he is a SINNER
 - iii. Codex II == the shadow christology the pictures of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ presented through Leviticus offerings, the holy days and feasts, the tabernacle and Modus Operandi of the Leviticus priesthood
 - a. This provides the answer and solution to sin in the shadow christology.
 - iv. Codex III == the way of life for the believer in time which will protect them in time.
 - v. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ did not set aside the moral commandments and fulfilled Codex I by living a perfect life on this earth in his humanity.
 - a. He was apart from and without sin and he was perfect and without the Old Sin Nature and Adam's Original Sin and he fulfilled the law not having imputed sin and not committing any personal sin.
 - vi. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ fulfilled Codex II the shadow christology by execution of everything portrayed in the shadows starting at his physical virgin birth and going through everything to his Substitutionary Spiritual Death, Physical Death, Resurrection and Ascension to session with God.
 - vii. Once Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was ascended and he was in session with God at his right hand he provided a way of life starting on the Day of Pentecost which was in every way a supernatural way of life.
 - a. It is impossible to execute the Christian Way of Life in human power of the energy of the flesh.
 - b. The Christian Way of Life is based on Mental Attitude, Motivation, as well as behavior patterns.
 - c. Loving all the brethren, Forgiving as Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ forgave, and the command to Humility are totally impossible in the energy of the flesh.

- d. These can only be executed by the 39 irrevocable assets provided for us at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God including the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit {(ff) ?? Filling of God the Holy Spirit and maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul }
2. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the end of the law for all who make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God by faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone **Rom 10:4, Gal 5:18, 23**
 - i. Believers in the Royal Family of God NO LONGER operate under the Mosaic Law as such
 - ii. However we are NOT LAWLESS nor are we antagonistic toward the Mosaic Law.
 - iii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ has fulfilled the law but we as believers in the Royal Family of God are under a HIGHER law which Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ has provided for us.
3. Since Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ has fulfilled the Mosaic Law he provided a new law as a substitute for the Mosaic Law. **Rom 8:2-, Eph 5:18**
 - i. God the Holy Spirit is the spirit of life in that he provides a new experiential life for those in the Royal Family of God.
 - ii. When we look at the 10 commandments we see that we have failed in keeping the law especially if we read all 120+ commandments and as a result know there is no good thing within any of us. **Rom 3:23**
 - iii. Looking at Codex II provides us with the perfect solution in Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone and when we enter into this solution we are NO LONGER under the law which condemns but one which empowers and gives the ability to represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as ambassador.
 - iv. The clear declaration of Bible Doctrine is that the Mosaic Law cannot give LIFE but being under a new law the believer in the Church Age as Royal Family of God has power, strength and ability to represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on earth.
 - v. The Mosaic Law was holy, just and good but we are no longer under that law but a new law providing power **Rom 7:12**
 - vi. The Mosaic Law begged all mankind to keep it but the Old Sin Nature as part of the flesh of the human being inside him makes it impossible for anyone to keep it even if one desires to do so.
 - vii. The weakness in the law is not in the law but in each member of the Human Race.
 - viii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ went to the cross and fulfilled a Substitutionary Spiritual Death for our sins and as a result condemned SIN from the Old Sin Nature in the Human Race.
 - ix. There is a righteousness which can be produced by keeping the Mosaic Law but no one can live up to the standard of the law perfectly but it does have a standard of righteousness.
 - x. The content of the law is perfect and sets a standard of perfect norms and standards or criterion known as the “righteousness of the law”.
 - xi. It is impossible for us to know the righteousness of the law perfectly because we have an Old Sin Nature and have personally sinned and in the

energy of the flesh we CANNOT KEEP THIS STANDARD PERFECTLY.

- xii. It is possible for the requirements or righteousness of the Mosaic Law to be fulfilled by Christians in the Royal Family of God who walk according to God the Holy Spirit under the consistent Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - xiii. We can only keep the law by being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - xiv. We cannot keep the law by even trying to keep the law and even if we could the ENERGY OF THE FLESH is not pleasing to God and ONLY the power of God the Holy Spirit from the Filling of God the Holy Spirit can please God and only this can fulfill the requirements and righteousness of the law.
 - xv. We are no longer under the Mosaic Law and even if we were we could not keep the law in any case, BUT being under the new law of God the Holy Spirit we can produce the righteousness of the Law by being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - xvi. By this new law God gives us the power and ability to produce a perfect righteousness in the power of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
4. The New law is accompanied by a NEW commandment. **Eph 5:18**
- i. We are to be habitually consistently under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and only by this means are we able to produce the righteousness of the law and execute the supernatural Christian Way of Life.
5. The Purpose of the New Law is to glorify the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and produce the character of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in every believer in the Royal Family of God.
- i. This means that as long as we as members of the Royal Family of God live in Time and God permits us to continue on this earth OUR LIFE HAS A PURPOSE AND THAT IS TO GLORIFY CHRIST.
 - ii. We cannot glorify Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the Energy of the Flesh therefore we have a new commandment.
 - iii. “Be habitually under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit” or Love all as Christ loved the church or forgive as Christ forgave, and it is repeated in many different ways but simply adds up to that which we cannot do in the Energy of the Flesh.
 - iv. We cannot love everyone in the Energy of the Flesh and it is impossible to try to love everyone in the Human Race.
 - v. We cannot do this in the Energy of the Flesh but it can be done in the power of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - vi. We are told that we can glorify Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ because when Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ was keeping the Mosaic Law, having lived up to it perfectly under the power of God the Holy Spirit in his humanity which was sustained by the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit and Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
 - vii. As a result he kept the law perfectly but also PRODUCED
 - a. Love
 - b. Joy or Inner Happiness
 - c. Peace
 - d. Long suffering

- e. Gentleness
 - f. Humility
 - g. Self Control
 - h. Gal 5:22-23
- viii. he fulfilled the law and produced positive character and these same characteristics produced in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ are now produced in the believer under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit
Gal 4:19
- ix. When God the Holy Spirit controls the life of the believer in this Church Age those characteristics produced in the life of Christ can be formed in us and we glorify Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ by the reproduction of his character living on this earth in this time.
- a. {(ff) This is expanded upon by the concepts of Balance of Residence which is the habitual or consistent Filling of God the Holy Spirit and maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul which is what glorifies Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in time in our life and having that Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul which is the THINKING Of CHRIST conforms our character to his as well}
- x. There are some hints of this in the Upper Room discourse and Gethsemane Discourse, **John 16:14**,
- a. The comforter is God the Holy Spirit which he will send to us and God the Holy Spirit when he comes will glorify Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- xi. While the Mosaic Law was on the OUTSIDE but the Law of God the Holy Spirit and Eternal Life is on the INSIDE of us as believers.
- xii. The Mosaic Law was on the outside in the time of the Old Testament Scripture and the Law of God the Holy Spirit is on the inside of us in the Church Age time and the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the function of glorification of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ {along with maximum Metabolized Bible Doctrine in the Stream of Consciousness of the Soul or reaching Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God Super Grace or Ultra Super Grace}
- xiii. In the Old Testament Scripture God the Holy Spirit did not have the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit but a few had the enduement of God the Holy Spirit which was comparable to the Filling of God the Holy Spirit in the Church Age.
- xiv. The No believer in the Old Testament Scripture was indwelt by God the Holy Spirit and the general believer in the Old Testament Scripture was not under the enduement or Filling of God the Holy Spirit either. **John 7:39**
- xv. The primary mission of the indwelling and Filling of God the Holy Spirit is to glorify the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
6. There is only one person who glorifies Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ that is God the Holy Spirit **John 16:14, 7:39**
7. Glorification of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is an inside Job **1Cor 6:19-20**
- i. Our body is the temple of God the Holy Spirit and we are to glorify God in our body and Human Spirit.

- E. This introduces the principles related to the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and the results of that:
1. Production of the character of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ: **Gal 5:22-23**
 2. Absorption of Bible Doctrine **John 14:26, 16:12-15**
 3. Guidance **Rom 8:14**
 4. Assurance and confidence **Rom 8:14-15**
 5. Worship **Phil 3:3**
 6. Prayer Eph 6:18
 7. Witnessing for Christ **Acts 1:8**

Rom 8:2-

v2: For the principle or Law of the ministry of God the Holy Spirit at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God who is the source of Eternal Life has set you free in Current Positional Truth in Christ, Jesus from the principle of the Old Sin Nature and the resultant Spiritual Death or the Mosaic Law which condemns me.

Rom 8:3

v3: for the inability of the Mosaic Law or for what was impossible from the Mosaic Law as marriage counselor because it was weak or powerless through the flesh the Old Sin Nature, The God has accomplished by having sent the unique mature adult son of himself (having the same essence as deity) Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ in the LIKENESS of the flesh the human body of sin of the Old Sin Nature (humanity of Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ) but he was not sin, and for a sin offering, judged the Old Sin Nature in the flesh

Rom 8:4

v4: in order or for the purpose that the commandment or legal requirement or the actualization of judgment or righteousness demanded by the Mosaic Law, which is divine blessing to match the Righteousness of God imputed to us at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God, might be filled up in us who keep walking, one day at a time, not according to the Old Sin Nature but according to God the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:5-

v5: For those believers who keep on being dominated by the flesh, the Old Sin Nature, being carnal or reversionistic, keep thinking about and concentrating on the things of the flesh the trends of the Old Sin Nature toward Sin, Human Good and Evil, but in contrast, those mature believers under Positive Volition to Bible Doctrine, who are dominated by God the Holy Spirit keep thinking about and concentrating on those doctrines from God the Holy Spirit.

- II. Other results of being under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit and controlled by God the Holy Spirit who indwells each of us.
- A. V16 is the shortest verse in the Greek New Testament Scripture just shorter than **John 11:25**, This talks about weeping and v16 here talks about rejoicing and are the 2 shortest verses in the New Testament Scripture Greek.
 - B. Rejoice is not simply an ecstatic stimulation expression and is almost divorced from ecstasies.
 1. Rejoice means to have INNER HAPPINESS AND INNER PEACE at all times regardless of the conditions or situations because of our relationship with the Lord.
 2. This is a command to KEEP ON HAVING IT.
 - C. Your happiness as a believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in the Royal Family of God does not depend on outer circumstances, pleasant surroundings, or some successful activity of your own.
 1. The bondage of human instability in happiness is broken by this command in opposition to the generally accepted concept of happiness.
 2. Happiness in the human realm is based on
 - i. something we enjoy doing
 - ii. Someone whose company we enjoy

- iii. Some situation which might be construed as success
 - iv. Something which brings approbation
 - v. Some financial success
 - vi. Some leadership success
 - 3. On the other hand there are circumstances in life which are construed as being ADVERSITY and these things do not bring happiness but bring to humans misery.
 - 4. Generally human beings are happy when successful and miserable when they fail and are in adversity or suffering of one kind or another.
 - i. They therefore go through life moving from one to another up one day and down the next.
 - 5. We are commanded to “KEEP ON HAVING INNER HAPPINESS”
 - D. We are commanded to this inner happiness AT ALL TIMES, CONSTANTLY, HABITUALLY.
 - 1. When the believer is under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit he can have a perfect inner happiness and stability at all times.
 - 2. YOUR happiness does not depend on circumstances and this breaks the bondage of circumstances dictating whether a believer is UP today or DOWN.
 - 3. This is what makes Christians sick in their live to go up and be happy in success and then down we go to misery and failure over and over again.
 - 4. We are commanded to KEEP ON HAVING INNER HAPPINESS AT ALL TIMES and this can be accomplished for the believer in the Royal Family of God ONLY by means of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit.
- III. Another Result of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit is to PRAY:
- A. We will never truly realize the incredible power of prayer.
 - B. We miss one of the greatest blessings of life when we fail to spend daily time before the Throne of Grace.
 - 1. God has graciously set up this system of prayer by which we can talk to him and communicate the needs of others and our needs to him.
 - 2. God in his word speaks to us through Bible Doctrine and WE through prayer SPEAK TO HIM.
 - 3. It is incredible important to PRAY together as a church or group or family.
 - 4. We should have a prayer list and the importance to praying for these people and the leaders of the church and for its fulfillment of the responsibility locally and throughout the world.
 - 5. We must pray for those who have troubles and problems and missionaries and members of the congregation and evangelists etc.
 - 6. We have incredible impact by means of prayer and very often the Lord answers the prayer positively whether the Christian believes he will or NOT! **Acts 12**
 - C. We should always be in a position to prayer and there are 9 reasons why prayer is not answered:
 - 1. One way or another all 9 are sin of some kind and human failure.
 - i. Prayer always breaks down at the human level never at the divine level
 - ii. God hears and answers our prayers and God the Holy Spirit and God the Son both make intercession for us therefore there can be NO breakdown at the divine level.
 - 2. Lack of Faith **Matt 21:22, 18:18-20, Mk 11:24,**
 - 3. Selfishness **James 4:2-3**
 - 4. Carnality in general **Ps 66:18**

5. Lack of compassion **Prov 21:13**
 6. Lack of Domestic Tranquility **1Pet 3:7**
 7. Pride or Self Righteous **Job 35:12-13**
 8. Lack of Filling of God the Holy Spirit **Eph 6:18**
 9. Lack of Obedience **1John 3:22**
 10. Non compliability with the Will of God **1John 5:14**
- IV. Another result of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit
- A. In all situations we are to give things **Rom 8:28**
 1. For the blessings of life
 2. For the adversities of life
 - B. When you face adversity or problem in life first GIVE THANKS for it and then claim a promise from God such as Rom 8:28 and deploy a doctrinal rationale and come to a doctrinal conclusion solving the problem.
- V. Another Result of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit:
- A. Not Quenching God the Holy Spirit:
 1. We are told to GET OUT of the way of God the Holy Spirit.
 2. We are told to NOT hinder or dampen or squelch God the Holy Spirit.
 3. We are commanded to GET OUT OF THE WAY and let God the Holy Spirit come through.
 4. This is accomplished by constant and continuous use of the rebound procedure.
 5. One of the GREAT secrets of the Christian Way of Life is to stay out of God's Way and let divine power come through.
- VI. Another result of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit:
- A. Do not despise the Eschatological doctrines of the bible. **Rev 19:10**
 1. The testimony of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the essence of Prophecy
 2. Many people have found Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior by first hearing prophecy.
 3. We all are oriented by the future in some way and this is what prophecy does for us as a means of God orienting us for the future.
 - i. Life after physical death
 - ii. Future occurrences in history
 - iii. It is a wonderful thing to line up your life with divine plans and to know what you are doing and where you are going now.
 4. The believer who understands the rapture, the tribulation and Millennium is one who should be the greatest witness in his time.
 - i. He knows that one purpose of God for the believer is SOUL winning
 - ii. He gets with this purpose as a result of understanding that all this time spent trying to reform the world is USELESS and the world will not get straightened out until Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ reigns personally.
 - iii. The best thing we can do is work with INDIVIDUALS and STRESS THE INDIVIDUALS and therefore the best thing you can do is give them the gospel of Christ.
 - iv. Americanism never recognizes minorities but AMERICANISM recognizes the individual.
 - a. Under the constitution of the United States of America there are NO MINORITIES and NO MAJORITIES but only individuals.
 - v. This is what prophecy does for us and we are to STRESS the importance of the individual.

- vi. The solution to the problem of the individual is regeneration from Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.

VII. Another Result of Filling of God the Holy Spirit:

- A. Engage in the constant Perception, Cognition, Inculcation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and compare and categorize it.
- B. Abstain from every category of EVIL
 1. Every believer has an Old Sin Nature composed of:
 - i. Area of Strength
 - ii. Area of Weakness
 - iii. Trend toward Asceticism
 - iv. Trend toward Lasciviousness
 2. Every person possesses this Old Sin Nature in the genetic structure of the body and every one will function according to a trend in an area.
 3. Our attitude toward others is characterized by our area of strength and we tend to look down on others who do not ascribe to our own areas of strength functions.
 4. We tend to be attracted to those with whom we share areas of strength and weakness and trends in our Old Sin Nature.
 - i. We are attracted to those with compatible Old Sin Natures.
 5. We often hold attitudes toward people based on humanistic areas of weakness or strength or our trends.
 6. We are to avoid all categories of EVIL:
 - i. Mental Attitude Sins
 - ii. Verbal Sins
 - iii. Overt Sins
 - iv. Human Good
 - v. Whitewashing the world of Satan.
 - vi. Solving the problems of the world by human efforts.
 - vii. Violations of the Laws of Divine Establishment

VIII. The God who provides peace sanctifies and sets us as believers apart:

- A. To be set apart entirely Body, Soul and Human Spirit and when these are set apart we can avoid every category of evil.

1Thes 5:16

v16: (Command) YOU habitually keep on having inner happiness by advancing to Sharing the Happiness of God at all times.

1Thes 5:17

v17: (Command) YOU Make a Habit of constant recurring habitual and spontaneous Prayer for your benefit, Don't neglect Prayer or pray improperly, maybe you will and maybe you will not!

1Thes 5:18

v18: (Command) YOU In everything or all kinds of things give thanks and Do NOT display lack of Gratitude for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1Thes 5:19 (Lack of correct application of Bible Doctrine)

v19: (Command) YOU habitually Stop Quenching, Squelching, Hindering, Thwarting, Dampening or Suppressing God the Holy Spirit, get out of His Way!

v20: do not despise, belittle, make light of, scorn, contempt, neglect, nor disregard prophesying, the teaching of prophecy,

v21: but test everything for the purpose of approval by listening, comparing and categorizing Bible Doctrine; hold fast to that which is the good namely Bible Doctrine.

v22: abstain from every form or category of evil.

Lesson #12 Series # 461 5/22/2019 1Thes 5:24

- I. Sanctification in the bible:

- A. Most believers think of sanctification as being almost totally perfect and this is NOT the case.
- B. 3 cases of Sanctification: 1Cor 1:2, 30, 6:11
 - 1. Positional == at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God God the Holy Spirit puts us into union with him as a part of the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit
 - i. We therefore SHARE his Absolute Righteousness
 - ii. This is our "Position" in Christ and as a result we SHARE all that Christ has.
 - iii. This is used extensively in 1st Corinthians and these were the MOST CARNAL believers in the ancient world.
 - iv. We are perfect positionally and cannot improve on our position in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - 2. Experiential or Practical == John 17:17, Eph 5:26, 1st Thes 5:23 ==
 - i. This is not any kind of perfection and at no time on this earth can any believer be perfect.
 - a. Appearing perfect to others is a very bad situation leading to Iconoclastic Arrogance, the Feet of Clay and all having an Old Sin Nature will fail.
 - b. This is the purpose of 1John 1:9 for rebound.
- C. Human composition:
 - 1. The unbeliever has a body and soul and is Dichotomous.
 - i. The body houses the soul which gives the ability to comprehend and categorize human phenomenon.
 - ii. His body also contains the genetically passed down Old Sin Nature from Adam to all humans.
 - iii. He is spiritually dead and without a Human Spirit.
 - 2. At Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God the new believer still has the Body containing the Old Sin Nature, Soul and now God the Holy Spirit regenerates him by providing a new Human Spirit.
 - i. This new believer is now Trichotomous with Body, Soul, and New Human Spirit
 - ii. This new Human Spirit gives the new believer the ability to comprehend, absorb and store spiritual phenomenon.
- D. Concerning the sanctification of the believer he must therefore have the Body, containing the Old Sin Nature and housing the Soul and the new Human Spirit from the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. The Human Spirit is set apart as having the ability to comprehend, absorb and store spiritual phenomenon.
 - 2. Under the Filling of God the Holy Spirit the body is set apart being controlled by God the Holy Spirit living under the absolute truth of Metabolized Bible Doctrine.
 - 3. The soul has the ability to make application from the accumulation of spiritual truth to any area of life.
 - 4. This gives us experiential sanctification in all 3 areas of human life.
- E. Concerning Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and salvation of the believer:
 - 1. The soul is what is saved being under indictment as a result of Adam's Original Sin.
 - 2. The Human Spirit is provided for the unbeliever at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and is part of the salvation package

3. The Body is not saved being the source of the Old Sin Nature and when we discard this body we will receive a NEW PERFECT MODEL body the Resurrection Body like that of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
- F. The new body of the believer will be blameless being a Resurrection Body like that of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
1. The soul of the believer will be blameless Mark 8:36-37 having been saved by the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross and the believers use of Positive Volition toward that event.
 2. The Human Spirit of the believer is blameless having been activated at Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and has the capacity for fellowship with God.
- II. The Faithfulness of God:
- A. This is based on the Essence of God.
1. The Essence of God is immutable and this is UNCHANGABLENESS and God cannot change and this results in faithfulness.
 2. It is impossible for God to change and become something else under any situation.
 3. This means that he is always faithful to us as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and he is faithful in:
 - i. Saving us
 - ii. Keeping us ie giving us Eternal Security.
 - iii. Keeping us provided for in time.
 4. The basis for every believer becoming spiritually self sustaining **1John 1:9**
 - i. This returns us to fellowship with God after our failures.
 - ii. This promises us that no matter our failures in time he is faithful in forgiving us and justified in doing so based on the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the cross.
 5. We suffer as a means of blessing and service and for glorification of the Lord and as a result of this we will be rewarded. **2Tim 2:12-13**
 - i. Those who deny Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ verbally, thoughtfully, through their lives and through any carnality, he denies them reward.
 - ii. IF however, the Lord denies us reward this does not mean he denies us Eternal salvation.
 - iii. Once we have expressed Faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Alone for Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God WE CANNOT LOSE THIS, based on the faithfulness of God.
 - iv. If believers get to the point of rejection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and reject their faith in Christ and deny him this does not mean Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is not still faithful to us in providing salvation.
 - v. The Grace of God is greater than any human concept and though we may fail him many times he is always faithful to us.
 - vi. As believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ there never has been nor ever will be a time when he denies us.
 - vii. Our faithlessness does not in any way effect the faithfulness of God to us.
 - viii. At Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and follow this with our experiences in time as a believer no matter what we do in time he is always faithful to us.
 - ix. We cannot lose our salvation because of the faithfulness of God and he is always faithful to keep us saved and in this life there is nothing we can do to Gain salvation, to Keep salvation or to LOSE salvation this is

entirely the work of God and he gets the credit and honor under the principle of GRACE and our function is simply appropriation.

6. Stabilizing the believer in time **2Thes 3:3**
 - i. Stability in time for the believer depends on the Lord.
 - ii. Everything in human existence depends on the Faithfulness of God.
 - a. All the laws of science are based on the ability to perceive natural phenomenon and their consistent repetition.
 - b. This is considered as if SCIENCE created these laws not just discovered them.
 - c. These are not scientific laws but Divine Laws and an expression of the Faithfulness of God.
 - d. These include such things as Chemistry laws, Physics laws, Gravitational laws, ETC.
 - e. Science does not enforce these laws but simply has discovered them from observation of these phenomenon.
 - iii. The fact that we can count on certain things re-occurring in the realm of natural and spiritual activities is the result of the Faithfulness of God.
 - iv. The fact that God is faithful in the human realm means he is also faithful in the spiritual realm and therefore provides stability for us.
 - a. Our stability is dependent on the Faithfulness of God for all that we have and are.
7. The deliverance of the Lord for us under testing or temptation. **1Cor 10:13**
 - i. All temptation and all testing for believers is not special for them but is always that which is common for all mankind.
 - ii. Whatever is happening to you, whatever situation you are in it is NEVER unique to any believer.
 - iii. Sooner or later we all go through the same difficulties or temptations.
 - iv. One of the fantastic manifestations of the Faithfulness of God and Grace of God is that whenever we get into a pressure, difficulty, suffering or even temptation he never permits this to go beyond the point of our self destructing.
 - v. He provides everything we need in the midst of these pressures so that we can bear it or escape from it.
 - vi. This “escape” does not mean he will take the pressure away but that he will provide is with the means of having peace and contentment DESPITE the pressure.
 - vii. HE delivers us before the pressure gets too great.
8. The Faithfulness of God in providing for us in our lifetime. **1Cor 1:9**
 - i. God is faithful in providing for us as junior partners with Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
 - ii. Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ is the senior partner and our high priest at the right hand of God the Father.
 - iii. He represents us in the priesthood, as advocate or defense attorney, in many ways and WE represent him on the earth.
 - iv. Since this is a partnership God is always faithful in providing any needs we may have in representing Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ effectively on this earth.
9. The Faithfulness of God is sustaining us in the trials and difficulties of life under even the greatest pressures. **Heb 10:23, Job**

- i. The profession of our faith in our duty of representing Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ on the earth.
- ii. After Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God we represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as ambassadors for Christ and this gives our life meaning, definition and purpose.
- iii. Part of this purpose is standing up under the difficulties and trials of life as did JOB.
- iv. We must hold fast to our profession of ambassador for Christ, his witnesses and representatives no matter what our job in life happens to be and all other things must be secondary to our service to him.
- v. This means some are called to business, some to small menial jobs, some to the campus, some to the barracks, and no matter what ever you do in life you are an ambassador for Christ.
- vi. In order that we might effectively represent Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ in our job and life we have PROMISES of God for the believer in time.
- vii. HE is totally faithful in keeping these promises to us in all cases.

Matt 21:22, Is 41:10, 26:3-4, Ex 14, Rom 8:28-32

- viii. These promises are in writing and for each of us and this written documentation has been preserved for over 2000 years some for close to 3500 years.

10. The Faithfulness of God to the believer in Suffering. **1Pet 4:19**

- i. Those who suffer according to the Will of God and all suffering for the believer is according to the Will of God except Divine Discipline until we use the rebound procedure at which point this also becomes the Will of God.
- ii. He who is faithful in the act of creation and setting up all the laws some discovered by science and some not in his immutability is also faithful to us during suffering.
- iii. Even though our circumstances in life may change the attitude of the Lord toward us NEVER CHANGES.
- iv. We may become gun shy in some cases when some of our friends become ashamed or hostile toward us and not compatible with human friendship and they think that just because some become hostile in times of embarrassment or difficulty that God will do the same thing.
- v. There never has been nor will ever be a time when God will turn his back on any believer.
- vi. Whether we are in adversity or prosperity GOD will never turn away from us despite friends doing so and the Faithfulness of God never changes toward us not even in one small detail.

III. The Faithfulness of God extends to the continued calling of mankind to Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God

- A. At the point of Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God God is then faithful to provide all that is needed for life in time and also for life with him in eternity.
 1. WE should not and cannot ever fear death for death is only part of the Faithfulness of God in providing for our transition between life and eternity.
 2. When we go through the death shadowed valley which is in fact LIFE on earth, we need fear no evil of any aspect of DEATH.
 3. We cannot, will not and do not fear anything about the time manner or place of our death BECAUSE HE IS WITH US.

- B. At some point we must face the possibility of DEATH
1. Whether it is instantaneous or slow and lingering and painful.
 2. We necessarily may not joyfully anticipate the latter as it is not a desirable thing to face BUT we must always consider that GOD has provided all that we need to face and over come whatever our death may bring to us.
 3. God will provide for you in your dying moments just as he did in your living moments and after this death you will be absent from the body and FACE TO FACE WITH THE LORD.
 4. This is for each of us as believers and we must apply it to self and also to loved ones.
 5. We may seriously miss loved ones but must face the fact that the believer in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ who departs this life is in a place of absolute perfect happiness.
 6. The exact correct attitude of the believer left behind should not ever be grief for the one who has left this life and is with the Lord.
 7. We may experience extreme LOSS and this may bring us sadness but should not make us fall into self pity arrogance for the fact is that the ONE who has left us should be GRIEVING for us who are left behind while they are face to face with the Lord.
 8. There is no sorrow or regret in heaven but if there was any aspect of this those believers who precede us should be felling sorry for us who have to remain in the world of the devil.
 9. If he is faithful to us in providing Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God and then Logistical Grace support in time and Super Grace blessing at Maturity Adjustment to the Justice of God and therefore he will be faithful to us with Dying Grace blessings at our death and after death in eternity.
 10. The body is not sanctified although it is separated to God for a short time in our life after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God but when we receive our own Resurrection Body we will have Ultimate Sanctification.
 11. This body will be new, perfect, not susceptible to time or any destructive force, with no pain and no misery and this is a conclusion from v23.
 12. We can conclude that OUR body will be set apart to God as is the body of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ at the right hand of God the Father since we will have a Resurrection Body like that of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. **Phil 3:21, 1John 3:1-2**
- C. The soul is saved for all eternity because of our attitude toward the Substitutionary Spiritual Death of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ for all human sin and the Human Spirit being part of the salvation package giving the ability to have fellowship with God in time and continuing for all eternity.
- D. WHY do we know that to die for the believer is gain.
1. That we have an inheritance incorruptible which will not fade.
 2. That we have mansions in heaven waiting for us.
 3. Because of the Faithfulness of God.
 4. God cannot change his attitude toward the believer which is set at the moment of our Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 5. The Calling of God is the moment we receive Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ as savior and make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
 6. At this moment we receive the Faithfulness of God and this continues throughout time and into eternity and cannot ever change his attitude toward us.

7. There is a time coming **2Pet 3, Rev 21** where the earth will be destroyed by Fire and the whole universe will fall apart and as believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ we will survive this because of the Faithfulness of God.
8. The Faithfulness of God means the Grace of God is the basis for this faithfulness and is based on what GOD is not what we are.
9. This is not ever to be construed to mean that we must live a good life or getting respectable and getting rid of our obnoxious habits and gaining some pride.
10. In our arrogance we think we have made it to greatness and whatever blessing comes to us we feel we DESERVE it since we have become NICE people and as a NICE person God must bless us.
11. This is simply NOT SO and often the blessing we receive from God is in spite of our pride and arrogance.
12. Blessing from God is NOT based on who or what we are or do at any time.
13. God has to bless us because of the Faithfulness of God and not for any other reason.
14. We never become perfect and sinless and he has provided in his faithful the means of recovery from our failures in **1John 1:9** and he is even faithful in SPANKING us when we are totally out of line and in his faithfulness he never spans us to the point of what we deserve else we would be dead.
15. He spans us to the point of wishing we were dead and then faithfully removing the Divine Discipline so that we can start all over again.

E. These 2 verses add up to the Faithfulness of God in providing for the eternal future of the believer

1. When we make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God through faith alone in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ alone GOD starts dealing with us under the perfect plan of Grace and NEVER STOPS in time nor in eternity.
2. Once we make Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God God becomes faithful to us and there never will ever be a time in our life when he becomes faithless and he must be faithful because of who and what he is the Essence of God demands it.
3. The Faithfulness of God depends on GOD alone.
4. As believers in Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ we must KNOW that we have promised to us under the Faithfulness of God a wonderful, glorious future without suffering or misery or sorrow where we will be restored to loved ones in eternity and they are in the place of perfect blessing and peace.

IV. BUT, God has seen fit to make us dependent on each other, this is TEAMWORK of the Royal Family of God.

A. Every member of the Human Race should live in a dorm or play on a TEAM or work with someone and submerge his individuality or goes to universal military training in order to LEARN TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF A TEAM.

1. It takes a team in the military, in athletics in all things in life and ESPECIALLY in the Spiritual Life realm.
2. We are all members of a TEAM for Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
3. As a minister the Pastor Teacher cannot get along without the congregation and VICE VERSA.
4. We are all on the same team and all have responsibility on the team.
5. As long as the Pastor Teacher prepares the spiritual food the congregation cannot get along without him.

6. The Pastor Teacher however needs the congregation to consume the spiritual food he has prepared and to sustain the Pastor Teacher through their worship in PRAYER.
- B. Only believers can pray and unbelievers who pray have ineffective prayers.
 1. This is the function of the TEAM in support of the Pastor Teacher.
 2. Never should a day go by that you should remember the Pastor Teacher in prayer and their problems and difficulties may be different but they should be supported by prayer.
 3. Being on the team the Pastor Teacher must study constantly and the believer must be prepared to focus and concentrate in Perception, Cognition, Incultation and Metabolization of Bible Doctrine and in PRAYER for the Pastor Teacher.
 4. By praying for the Pastor Teacher we as individual believers benefit from praying for the Pastor Teacher participating in his ministry.
- V. In the ancient world the greeting was by means of a kiss not hand shaking.
- A. The Holy kiss is when the Men kissed the men and girls kissed the girls and they did not mix this up.
 1. This is kissing someone of the same sex by a kiss on the cheek.
 2. A regular kiss is directed toward the opposite sex.
 3. Today we would say “Shake Hands” but it is more than that meaning to Have personal fellowship with daily contact with other believers.
 4. It is not the responsibility of the local church to set up situations were there are specialized grouped classes to bring people together as friends.
 5. This is NOT the way to get acquainted and in a church of any particular size with more than just a very few people you go to the church to get Bible Doctrine and after the service is over if you want to get acquainted with someone you do it on your own and the local church does not provide niches or categories of people.
 6. People of different professions, ages and concepts are wonderful people to be around when they share the same doctrinal principles as you.
- VI. The Thessalonian believers under their Pastor Teacher are commanded to study this letter and teach it line by line and verse by verse to their advantage during their worship services.
- VII. The Grace of God which we cannot earn nor deserve is the basis for all of our life and function after Salvation Adjustment to the Justice of God.
- A. When you believe the Bible Doctrine of God you then put it into action.
 - B. When you put this doctrine into action you become a blessing to all in the Human Race.
 - C. To the unbeliever you become a source of information regarding the gospel and Bible Doctrine
 - D. To other Christians you become a source of stability and peace and you cannot LOSE or fail using Bible Doctrine.
 - E. The Word of God never returns VOID.

1Thes 5:23

v23: Now MAY the very God of peace who provided the potential for salvation, himself set apart the whole of each of you entirely, and may your spirit, soul and body be preserved, guarded, or maintained blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the rapture of the church.

1Thes 5:24

v24: Faithful is he, God, who keeps on calling you and all the Human Race through the gospel and he will also bring it to pass, salvation and all provision for life in time, the end of our life and life with him in eternity, especially under Dying Grace.

1Thes 5:25

v25: (Command) Fellow believers, keep on praying for us, Pastor Teachers for your benefit also.

1Thes 5:26

v26: Greet all the fellow believers with a holy kiss, a handshake, engaging in fellowship with them.

1Thes 5:27

v27: I command you by the Lord that this letter 1Thessalonians, be analyzed verse by verse and line by line in worship services to all the holy believers through teaching to their advantage.

1Thes 5:28

v28: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.