

LETTERS TO THE Thessalonians

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WHOM HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, EVEN JESUS WHO
US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.

SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY,

CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS IN GOD THE FATHER AND
JESUS CHRIST:

AND PEACE {A}FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD
CHRIST.

GOOD EXAMPLE

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IN OUR PRAYERS, 3 REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR

FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, AND PATIENCE OF HOPE IN OUR
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THEIR CONVERSION

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2 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, BRETHREN, THAT OUR CO
YOU WAS NOT IN VAIN. 2 BUT {A}EVEN AFTER WE HAD S
BEFORE AND WERE SPITEFULLY TREATED AT PHILIPPI,
KNOW, WE WERE BOLD IN OUR GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU THE
OF GOD IN MUCH CONFLICT. 3 FOR OUR EXHORTATION DID N
FROM ERROR OR UNCLEANNESS, NOR WAS IT IN DECEIT.

4 BUT AS WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY GOD TO BE ENTRUST
THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK, NOT AS PLEASING MEN,
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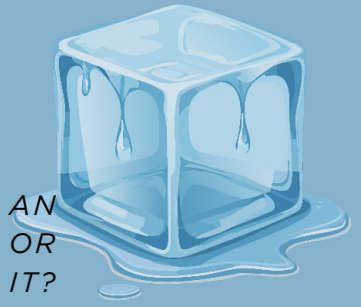
WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2026

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CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTIONS WHILE WE LIVE FOR THE LORD

SPEAKER: PASTOR MIKE BURNETTE

ICEBREAKER



WHEN YOU'RE APPROACHING A YELLOW TRAFFIC LIGHT AT AN INTERSECTION – DO YOU SEE THAT AS A SIGNAL TO SLOW DOWN, OR SPEED UP TO BEAT IT?

GODLY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

- *What spiritual leader do you consistently allow to speak directly into your life? Do you allow them to bring encouragement AND correction?*
- *In verse 13, Paul says “admonish the idle,” this is a call for correction to those who are lazy in the faith, who find themselves apathetic. Describe a season in your life where this “idleness” has been true for you. How did/will you overcome that season?*

PLEASING THE LORD IS OUR PRIORITY

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

- *Pastor Mike directly asked “How are YOU doing with this?” – if you let the light into a dark corner of your life today, what do you believe Jesus would tell you to abstain from? How do you plan to partner with God in sanctifying this area of your life?*

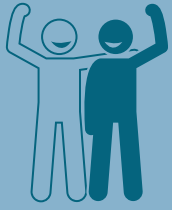
GOD CALLS US HOLY, SO LET'S LIVE HOLY

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

- *Sanctification is to be set apart, to be called out of something (sin), to something (God). We've discussed this a lot over the past few weeks, so this is a check in. What adjustments have you made toward living a sanctified life?*

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ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

The God of peace sanctifies us completely, He keeps us blameless in body, soul and spirit. The God of peace calls us — He is faithful and will surely do all these things. God will keep us in perfect peace and keep us close to Him.



ASK

We are called to walk in holiness — admonishing the idle, encouraging the faint hearted, helping the weak, being patient with all people, not repaying evil for evil, always seeking to do good to everyone. What in this list do you feel like God is highlighting to you, and why?



CHALLENGE

If we believe that God is faithful to sanctify us completely, then there is no reason to justify our sin and hold onto anything that grieves the Lord. Consider your responses from above, name them before God AND your spiritual leader, and leave those things at the altar — surrender your life to Him daily, walking in step with the Spirit as the fully devoted followers of Christ we are called to be!

PRAYER

Thank you for your perfect peace; even in the midst of trying times, you are faithful. Thank you for your Spirit within me, representing you in all that I do. My life is yours to do with as you please, therefore help me get out of your way. Help me be more patient and always encourage my brothers and sisters. Help me not to harbor thoughts of retaliation against those who offend me, but instead to be helpful and good to all. Lord, I strive to be a great representative of who you are, and I receive your instruction as you have given within the 1st Thessalonian passage. I love that you are always thinking of me and of the one more soul I can attract for you. You know me, and you still love me. I love you, Lord. Amen.