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The Conception Of A Church (Acts 17:1-9)

Proposition: Every one of us here tonight can gain a richer understanding of our own church and it's conception from seeing five elements of the conception of the church of Thessalonica.

- I. The City of God's Planning (Vs. 1)
- II. The Servants of God's Placement (Vs. 2a-b)
- III. The Sounding of God's Proclamation (Vs. 2c-3)
- IV. The Saving for God's Purpose (Vs. 4-9)
- V. The Service of God's People

The Connections Of A Church (1 Thessalonians 1:1-2)

Proposition: Every child of God can value better our connection between the world around us, our Christian connection with each other and the saving connection with our heavenly Father and glorious Saviour by looking at three truths found in these few yerses.

I. The Spiritual Connections of the Church (Vs. 1a-d)

- A. The Sovereignly Called (Vs. 1a-d)
- B. The Servants Commissioned (Vs. 1a-c)
- C. The Supernaturally Coincident (Vs. 1a-d)

II. The Positional Connections of the Church (Vs. 1d)

- A. The Particular Placement (Vs. 1d)
- B. The Providential Plan (Vs. 1d)
- C. The Purchased Possession (Vs. 1d)

III. The Experiential Connections of the Church (Vs. 1d-2)

- A. The Pardon Received (Vs. 1e)
- B. The Peace Realized (Vs. 1f)
- C. The Praise Rendered (Vs. 2a)
- D. The Prayer Raised (Vs. 2b)

The Power Of The Gospel (1 Thessalonians 1:3-7)

Proposition: Every person here tonight can see the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by seeing three of its attributes here in the church of the Thessalonians.

The Power of the Gospel is...

I. Realized in its Affect (Vs. 3)

A. The Employment of Faith (Vs. 3a)

B. The Effort of Love (Vs. 3b)

C. The Endurance of Hope (Vs. 3c-d)

The Power of the Gospel is...

II. Revealed in its Arrival (Vs. 4-5)

A. A Divine Selection (Vs. 4)

B. A Direct Expression (Vs. 5a)

C. A Dynamic Operation (Vs. 5b-c)

D. A Demonstrated Confirmation (Vs. 5d-e)

The Power of the Gospel is...

III. Reflected in its Acceptance (Vs. 6-7)

A. Purposeful Advancement (Vs. 6a-b)

B. Painful Affliction (Vs. 6c)

C. Personal Accompaniment (Vs. 6d)

D. Providential Approval (Vs. 7)

The Characteristics Of A Gospel Centered Church (1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

Proposition: Everyone of us must look at these characteristics and place them along side our own spiritual lives in order to have the personality of a people whose lives are centered around the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I. They are Employed in the Expansion of the Gospel (Vs. 8-9a)

- A. The Resounding of their Faith (Vs. 8-9a)
- B. The Revelation of their Faith (Vs. 8a-b)
- C. The Reach of their Faith (Vs. 8a)

II. They have Experienced the Essence of the Gospel (Vs. 9b)

- A. An Authentic Repentance
- B. An Active Response

III. They Exhibit the Elation of the Gospel (Vs. 10)

- A. A Promised Return (Vs. 10a)
- B. A Physical Resurrection (Vs. 10b)
- C. A Praiseworthy Rescue (Vs. 10c-d)

Our Part In The Gospel Ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4)

Proposition: Although we may not have been called to be a minister of the gospel we all are to have a gospel ministry. Here in these verses instruction can be found for a God-honoring gospel ministry for every child of God.

I. Be Persistent in the Mission of the Gospel (Vs. 1-2)

- A. Be Persistent when Advancing (Vs. 1)
- B. Be Persistent when Abused (Vs. 2a-d)
- C. Be Persistent when Attacked (Vs. 2e)

II. Be Pure in the Motive of the Gospel (Vs. 3)

- A. A Motive without Deviation (Vs. 3a)
- B. A Motive without Defilement (Vs. 3b)
- C. A Motive without Deception (Vs. 3c)

III. Be Privileged with the Message of the Gospel (Vs. 4)

- A. A Truth of Divine Possession (Vs. 4a)
- B. A Telling of Divine Permission (Vs. 4a-b)
- C. A Task of Divine Perception (Vs. 4c-e)

The Many Hats Of A Christian Minister - Part 1 (1 Thessalonians 2:5-12)

Proposition: Every follower of Jesus Christ, especially the Christian pastor, can better understand their role in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ by identifying the variety of different roles that the Apostle Paul fulfilled among the Thessalonian people.

I. The Tender Love of a Mother (Vs. 5-8)

- A. The Warmth of a Mother (Vs. 5-7)
- B. The Willingness of a Mother (Vs. 8)

II. The Tireless Labor of a Worker (Vs. 9)

- A. The Difficulty of Working (Vs. 9a-d)
- B. The Drive of a Worker (Vs. 9e-f)

III. The Truthful Leadership of a Prophet (Vs. 10)

- A. A Consecrated Leader (Vs. 10a-c)
- B. A Consistent Leader (Vs. 10c)

IV. The Tenacious Lift of a Father (Vs. 11-12)

- A. A Fatherly Cheer (Vs. 11)
- B. A Fatherly Charge (Vs. 12)

The Many Hats Of A Christian Minister - Part 2 (1 Thessalonians 2:13-20)

Proposition: Every follower of Jesus Christ, especially the Christian pastor, can better understand their role in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ by identifying the variety of different roles that the Apostle Paul fulfilled among the Thessalonian people.

I. The Strengthening Direction of a Teacher (Vs. 13-16)

- A. The Review of Salvation (Vs. 13)
- B. The Rules for Suffering (Vs. 14-15)
- C. The Wrath upon Sin (Vs. 16)

II. The Steadfast Devotion of a Brother (Vs. 17)

- A. The Sorrow of Departure (Vs. 17a-d)
- B. The Strife of Desire (Vs. 17e)

III. The Sure Dispatch of a Soldier (Vs. 18-20)

- A. The Hindrances of a Villain (Vs. 18)
- B. The Hope for a Victory (Vs. 19-20)

Trial Truth (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

Proposition: Here in our text the Apostle Paul gives us three helpful insights concerning trials which enter our lives that if heeded will help us weather the trial of our own faith.

I. The Felt Concern over our Faith (Vs. 1-2)

- A. The Affection of Concern (Vs. 1)
- B. The Agent of Concern (Vs. 2a-d)
- C. The Agenda of Concern (Vs. 2e-f)

II. The Fevered Crisis in our Faith (Vs. 3-4)

- A. The Face of Crisis (Vs. 3a; 4c)
- B. The Fracture from Crisis (Vs. 3a)
- C. The Foundation for Crisis (Vs. 3b, 4)

III. The Fierce Contender against our Faith (Vs. 5)

- A. The Means of the Contender (Vs. 5a-d)
- B. The Mission of the Contender (Vs. 5e)

The Good Report Of A Christian Life (1 Thessalonians 3:6-10)

Proposition: Every Christian can determine how they are faring in the Christian by considering the good report from the Thessalonian church in our text.

I. Super Scores in the Starting Elements (Vs. 6)

- A. Their Belief (Vs. 6a-b)
- B. Their Benevolence (Vs. 6a-b)
- C. Their Bond (Vs. 6c-e)

II. Great Grades in Steadfast Endurance (Vs. 7-9)

- A. A Comforting Affect (Vs. 7)
- B. A Confidence Affect (Vs. 8)
- C. A Celebrating Affect (Vs. 9)

III. Constructive Comments in Steady Improvement (Vs. 10)

- A. The Necessity of Prayer (Vs. 10a)
- B. The Need for Perfecting (Vs. 10b)

Paul's Prayer For The Suffering Saint (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

Proposition: Every Christian can learn valuable lessons on the expectations in our Christian life by focusing on 3 aspects of Paul's prayer for the saints at Thessalonica.

I. A Prayer for Discerning Instruction (Vs. 11)

- A. The Instruction's Origin (Vs. 11a-b)
- B. The Instruction's Outcome (Vs. 11c)

II. A Prayer for Divine Affection (Vs. 12)

- A. Our Love's Description (Vs. 12a)
- B. Our Love's Direction (Vs. 12a-b)

III. A Prayer for Determined Consecration (Vs. 13)

- A. The Work of Consecration (Vs. 13a)
- B. The Willingness of Consecration (Vs. 13a)
- C. The Watch of Consecration (Vs. 13b)

Purity In A Pornographic World - Part 1 (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

Proposition: We live in a swamp of sensuality and fornication and yet we are commanded to remain pure. How can we walk in purity in a pornographic world? Paul gives us three instructions for doing just that.

I. Recognize the Stakes of Fornication

- A. The Will of God (Vs. 3a-b)
- B. The Warning of God (Vs. 6b)

II. Renounce the Seduction of Fornication

- A. Abstain from Fornication (Vs. 3c)
- B. Restrain the Flesh (Vs. 4)

III. Remember the Sorrows of Fornication

- A. The Departure of Distinction (Vs. 5)
- B. The Devastation of Defrauding (Vs. 6a)

Purity In A Pornographic World - Part 2 (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

Proposition: In the passage before us today, Paul gives us five alarming facts that ought to motivate us to live pure in this pornographic world.

- I. A Developing Sanctification (Vs. 1d, 3a-b, 7)
- II. A Defiant Sedition (Vs. 2, 8)
- III. A Divine Scourging (Vs. 6b)
- IV. A Distinct Separation (Vs. 5)
- V. A Devoted Sentiment (Vs. 1a-b)

The Christian Life Is Not Just Don'ts (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

Proposition: Every Christian must not only retreat from the "don'ts" of living in this world in order to live a life pleasing to the Lord, we must equally participate in the to the "do's" of life as well.

I. Be Increasing in Love (Vs. 9-10)

- A. A Defined Love (Vs. 9a)
- B. A Displayed Love (Vs. 9b)
- C. A Directed Love (Vs. 10a)
- D. A Developing Love (Vs. 10b)

II. Be Innocent in Life (Vs. 11a-b)

- A. An Ambitious Anonymity (Vs. 11a)
- B. A Personal Preoccupation (Vs. 11b)

III. Be Intentional in Labor (Vs. 11c-12)

- A. The Humility by our Work (Vs. 11c-d)
- B. The Honesty of our Walk (Vs. 12a)
- C. The Honor in our Wealth (Vs. 12b)

Living In The Light Of Christ's Catching-Away (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Proposition: Every person can have a detailed account of what will be taking place as the return of Jesus Christ by following the five principal facts that Paul reveals in our text.

I. The Concern for the Sleeping (Vs. 13)

- A. The Uncertainty of the Grave (Vs. 13a-c)
- B. The Uniqueness of our Grief (Vs. 13d-e)

II. The Consolation of the Saved (Vs. 14-15)

- A. The Saved are Brought (Vs. 14)
- B. The Separation is Broken (Vs. 15)

III. The Coming of the Saviour (Vs. 16a-c)

- A. The Shout of the Lord (Vs. 16a)
- B. The Sound of the Angel (Vs. 16b)
- C. The Signal of the Trumpet (Vs. 16c)

IV. The Catching-Away of the Saint (Vs. 16d-17)

- A. The Buried are Raised (Vs. 16d)
- B. The Body is Raptured (Vs. 17)

V. The Comfort in our Sorrow (Vs. 18)

- A. The Comfort of the Resurrection
- B. The Comfort of Rule

Cautions Concerning Christ's Coming (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Proposition: As Paul continues to focus on the coming of the Lord in Chapter 5, he gives us some cautions, some warnings, that if we will take to heart and obey, will lead us into a life of expectancy, a life of readiness for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Don't Be Deceived (Vs. 1-5)

- A. Be Directed by the Scriptures (Vs. 1-2)
- B. Be Discerning of the Season (Vs. 3)
- C. Be Different from your Surroundings (Vs. 4-5)

II. Don't Be Distracted (Vs. 6-8)

- A. Be Seriously Attentive (Vs. 6)
- B. Be Situationally Aware (Vs. 7)
- C. Be Spiritually Armed (Vs. 8)

III. Don't be Disturbed (Vs. 9-11)

- A. Enjoy the Promise (Vs. 9)
- B. Embrace the Price (Vs. 10)
- C. Edify the Purchased (Vs. 11)

Beseechings For The Brethren (1 Thessalonians 5:12-18)

Proposition: Every saved child of God in this room can do their part to make this a church that obeys the Lord and a life that honors the Lord by understanding and personally receiving the beseechings that Paul gives us in these few verses. I have broken them into three categories.

I. The Ministers to the Body of Christ (Vs. 12-13)

- A. Recognize the Leadership of the Minister (Vs. 12)
- B. Render a Love toward the Minister (Vs. 13a)
- C. Retain a Long-suffering for the Minister (Vs. 13b)

II. The Members in the Body of Christ (Vs. 14-15)

- A. Advise the Disorderly (Vs. 14a-c)
- B. Aid the Despondent (Vs. 14d)
- C. Assist the Dependant (Vs. 14e)
- D. Attend to the Distressing (Vs. 14f)
- E. Avoid the Defensive (Vs. 15)

III. The Master of the Body of Christ (Vs. 16-18)

- A. Continual Exaltation (Vs. 16)
- B. Consistent Supplication (Vs. 17)
- C. Careful Appreciation (Vs. 18)

More Essential Instructions (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)

Proposition: The steady instruction from God's word is as healthy for your spiritual life as a steady diet of healthy food is for your physical life. Here in our text Paul goes on, giving these final instruction. And although these are brief in nature they are essential for the child of God to observe in their walk with the Lord.

- I. A Cooperative Response to the Spirit (Vs. 19)
- II. A Cheerful Reception to the Scriptures (Vs. 20)
- III. A Careful Review of the Situation (Vs. 21)
- IV. A Clear Retreat from the Suspicious (Vs. 22)

Some Final Conclusions For Faithful Christians (1 Thessalonians 5:23-28)

Proposition: Every one of us that know the Lord Jesus, that find ourselves in the same position as the church at Thessalonica can be greatly helps in our walk with the Lord Jesus by examining the three final conclusions that Paul draws at the end of First Thessalonians.

I. The Expansion of Sanctification (Vs. 23-24)

- A. The Subject of Sanctification (Vs. 23a)
- B. The Scope of Sanctification (Vs. 23a-b)
- C. The Security of Sanctification (Vs. 23b)
- D. The Strength for Sanctification (Vs. 24)

II. The Emphasis of Supplication (Vs. 25)

- A. Prayer's Relationship
- B. Prayer's Requirement
- C. Prayer's Return

III. The Importance of Submission (Vs. 26-28)

- A. Submission to the Brethren (Vs. 26)
- B. Submission to the Bible (Vs. 27)
- C. Submission to the Beloved (Vs. 28)

Through The Fire (2 Thessalonians 1:1-12)

Proposition: Every child of God here today can endure the fiery trials of life following the three principals found in this first chapter of 2 Thessalonians.

I. An Essential Readiness (Vs. 1-5)

- A. An Expanding Faith (Vs. 3a-c)
- B. An Excelling Love (Vs. 3d)
- C. An Enduring Patience (Vs. 4-5)

II. An Expected Recompense (Vs. 6-9)

- A. A Certain Destiny (Vs. 6)
- B. A Clear Direction (Vs. 6-8)
- C. A Chilling Description (Vs. 9)

III. An Enduring Responsibility (Vs. 10-12)

- A. A Glorious Ending (Vs. 10)
- B. A Godly Employment (Vs. 11)
- C. A Gracious Exalting (Vs. 12)

The Son Of Man Versus The Man Of Sin (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

Proposition: Every one of us would be wise to heed these prophetic teachings that will both enlighten and encourage us in these unsettling times. I want us to look at three points of emphasis.

I. The Turmoil of the Saints of God

- A. The Unrest of Believers (Vs. 1-2)
- B. The Preparation of the World (Vs. 3a-c)
- C. The Restraint of the Spirit (Vs. 5-7)

II. The Terror of the Man of Sin

- A. The Character of the Anti-Christ (Vs. 3d-e, 8a)
- B. The Ambition of the Anti-Christ (Vs. 4)
- C. The Following of the Anti-Christ (Vs. 9-11)

III. The Triumph of the Son of Man

- A. The Arrival of the Lord (Vs. 8b-c)
- B. The Destruction of the Anti-Christ (Vs. 8b-c)
- C. The Judgment of the Deceived (Vs. 10a, 11)

Comforting Truth For Troubled Times (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Proposition: In these verses, the Apostle Paul reminds these believers of unshakable and unchangeable truth; truth that can see any child of God through the most troubling of times. I want you to see three comforting truths for your troubling times.

I. A Sovereign truth to Possess (Vs. 13-14)

- A. The Affection of the Sovereign (Vs. 13a-b)
- B. The Salvation of the Sinner (Vs. 13c-14a)
- C. The Perfection of the Saint (Vs. 14b)

II. A Sacred truth to Protect (Vs. 15)

- A. Refuse to be Moved (Vs. 15a-c)
- B. Retain the Message (Vs. 15d-e)

III. A Strengthening truth to Practice (Vs. 16-17)

- A. Encouragement to Last (Vs. 16-17)
- B. Enablement to Live (Vs. 17)

The Heart Of The Christian Missionary (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

Proposition: Every one of us can see the heart of a missionary and hold tighter to the ropes that support them by noting three characteristics found in the heart of the Christian missionary.

I. Readies for the Lord's Assignment

- A. A Dangerous Adversary (Vs. 2)
- B. A Distinct Advantage (Vs. 1a-c)

II. Relies on the Lord's Ability

- A. The Power of Scripture (Vs. 1d-f)
- B. The Power for Stablishing (Vs. 3)
- C. The Power for Sanctifying (Vs. 4)

III. Remembers the Lord's Approaching (Vs. 5)

- A. A Love for the Lord (Vs. 5a)
- B. A Longing for the Lord (Vs. 5b)

Ten-Hut! (2 Thessalonians 3:6-18)

Proposition: Every church, a saved born again body of believers can be able to engage in the war against principalities and powers, against the wickedness of this world by following three instructions drawn from our text.

I. A Charge to the Disorderly

- A. The Definition of their Folly (Vs. 10-11)
- B. The Discipline that they Face (Vs. 14)

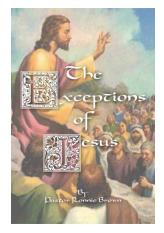
II. A Call to the Demonstration

- A. The Exhortation of the Scripture (Vs. 10b, 12a, 14a)
- B. The Example of the Shepherd (Vs. 7-9)

III. A Command to the Diligent

- A. Encouragement for the Course (Vs. 12-13)
- B. Instruction for the Company (Vs. 15)
- C. Enablement from the Commander (Vs. 16-18)

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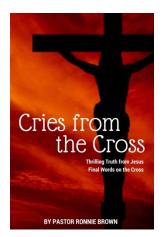
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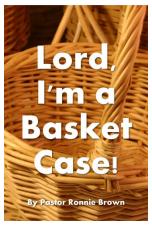


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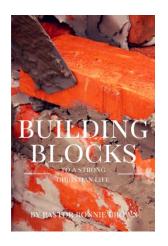


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