

ABOUNDING HOPE

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

THE HOPE THAT TRIUMPHS IN SANCTIFICATION

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-24,

Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings. ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil. ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

PAUL'S USE OF THE IMPERATIVE MODE - 20 COMMANDS

(4:18) "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

(5:11) "Wherefore comfort yourselves together"

(5:11) "Edify one another"

(5:13) "And be at peace among yourselves"

(5:14) "warn them that are unruly"

(5:14) "comfort the feebleminded"

(5:14) "support the weak"

(5:13) "be patient toward all men"

(5:15) "See that none render evil for evil unto any man"

(5:15) "Ever follow that which is good"

(5:16) "Rejoice evermore"

(5:17) "Pray without ceasing"

(5:18) "In every thing give thanks"

(5:19) "Quench not the Spirit"

(5:20) "Despise not prophesyings"

(5:21) "Prove all things"

(5:22) "hold fast that which is good"

(5:22) "Abstain from all appearance of evil"

(5:25) "pray for us"

(5:26) "Come with us, and we will go with you"

I. THE TRIAD OF COMMANDS RELATED TO SPIRITUAL DEVOTION

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,

(5:16) Rejoice evermore. - LITERALLY, “ALWAYS REJOICE YE”

(5:17) Pray without ceasing. - LITERALLY, “CONTINUALLY PRAY YE”

(5:18) In every thing give thanks: - LITERALLY, “IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS”

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

A. THE COMMAND TO REJOICE

1 Thessalonians 5:16,
Rejoice evermore.

B. THE COMMAND TO PRAY

1 Thessalonians 5:17,
Pray without ceasing.

C. THE COMMAND TO GIVE THANKS

1 Thessalonians 5:18a,
In every thing give thanks:

THE WILL OF GOD INCLUDES . . .

1 Thessalonians 5:18b,

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1. To Rejoice Evermore
2. To Pray without Ceasing
3. To Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 4:3,

For this is the will of God, *even your sanctification,*
that ye should abstain from fornication:

4. To Be Morally Pure

II. THE TWO NEGATIVE COMMANDS RELATED TO THE SPIRIT

1 Thessalonians 5:19-20,

(5:19) Quench not the Spirit.

(5:20) Despise not prophesyings.

A. STOP QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

1 Thessalonians 5:19,
Quench not the Spirit.

B. STOP DESPISING PROPHECYING

1 Thessalonians 5:20,
Despise not prophesyings.

III. THE TRIAD OF COMMANDS RELATED TO SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22,

(5:21a) Prove all things;

(5:21b) hold fast that which is good.

(5:22) Abstain from all appearance of evil.

A. EXAMINE ALL THINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:21a,
Prove all things;

B. EMBRACE THE GOOD

1 Thessalonians 5:21b,
hold fast that which is good.

C. ELIMINATE THE EVIL

1 Thessalonians 5:22,
Abstain from all appearance of evil.

IV. THE ONE PRAYER RELATED TO SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23,

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. THE SOURCE OF SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23a,

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. THE SCOPE OF SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23b,

and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless

C. THE SEQUENCE SANCTIFICATION

1. THE PAST ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION - Positional Sanctification
2. THE PRESENT ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION - Progressive Sanctification
3. THE FUTURE ASPECT OF SANCTIFICATION - Permanent Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 5:23c,
unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

V. THE PROMISE RELATED TO COMPLETE SANCTIFICATION

A. THE FAITHFUL CALLER

B. THE FAITHFUL DOER

1 Thessalonians 5:24,

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

INVITATION - "TO TURN TO GOD"

Dear God:

I have been serving idols and living for the material and the temporal. I now turn from such a life to the true and living God. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for me and rose again from the grave. Please save me by your grace.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.