

**“How You Ought To Walk”**  
**1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians**  
**December 30, 2012**

*“he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.” (Ephesians 1:5-6, ESV)*

**God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)**

- II We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 – 5: 28)
  - A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 – 12)

**8. The Call To Holiness Is God’s Solemn Warning; Not Man’s, (vs. 8)**

**8.1) People Ignore God’s Word Because It Is Their Nature To Do So**

**“Whoever Disregards**

*(Pres.Act.Part – Lit.; the one setting aside)”- “Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion.” (Jude 8–11, ESV)*

**8.2) The Word Ignored Is Not Just Morals; It Is Salvation**

**“Not Man But God”-**

*““ ‘Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.’ ” As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”” (Acts 13:41–47, ESV)*

**8.3) The Reality Is Either You Have The Holy Spirit Or You Don’t**

**“Who Gives (Pres.Act.Part)**

**His Holy Spirit”-** *“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.” (2 Peter 1:19–2:3, ESV)*

**1) “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 2) But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 3) And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. 4) “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” (Luke 10:13–16, ESV)**

- 1) We must take care not to think of God’s work as “routine.”
- 2) Those who are judged in abject ignorance will receive a lesser condemnation.
- 3) Those who are judged in entitlement will be condemned as a heathen.
- 4) The proof is in the hearing; and doing.

**How have you forsaken the word of the Lord thinking you are OK because of your profession?**

9. The Call To Holiness Is God's Direct Instruction To His Children, (vs. 9)
10. The Call To Holiness Is Never Satisfied, We Must Continue More And More, (vs. 10)
11. The Call To Holiness Is Demonstrated Materially In Quietly Doing Your Own Work, (vs. 11)
12. The Call To Holiness Is The Authentication Of The Gospel Message, (vs. 12)

- B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 - 5: 11)
- C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)

- III We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
  - A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
  - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
  - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)