

"Not The Word Of Men"

1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians

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"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)

I. We must pay much closer attention to what we believe about God's work of salvation, (vs. 1: 1 - 3: 13)

B. God's choice of His children for salvation results in correctness & purity, (vs. 2: 1 - 20)

14. The Gospel produces a hope of spiritual fruit in the lives of believers, (vs. 19 - 20)

➤ **Exposition: 19a) A Change In Purpose** **"Hope, Joy & Crown"** - *"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me." (Philippians 2:14-18, ESV)*

19b) A Change In Accomplishment **"Boasting"** - *"And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:30-31, ESV)*

20) A Change In Reckoning **"You are our glory and joy"** - *"For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man." (1 Corinthian 11:7)*
AND *"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones." (Proverbs 12:4, ESV)*

➤ **Illustration: 1) The only proper foundation 2) Quality tested for worth 3) Worth demonstrated**

➤ **Argumentation: 1)** *"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 2) Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 3) If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."* (1 Corinthians 3:11-15, ESV)

➤ **Application: What Is your Hope, Joy & Crown?**

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

- C. God's choice of His children for salvation motivates believers to see God's work in others, (vs. 3: 1 - 13)

- 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)
 - 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)