

sermon notes

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Kingdom Called | "Final Thoughts on a Kingdom-Called Church" | 1 Thess 5:23-28

A Kingdom-Called Church is...

1. _____ sanctified by the God of peace (5:23a)
2. _____ for Christ's return (5:23b-24)
3. _____ for its leaders (5:25)
4. _____ one another in holiness (5:26)
5. _____ the Scriptures (5:27)
6. _____ by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (5:28)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28. How does Paul end this letter? Read the six statements about a Kingdom-Called church. Which of these is the easiest for a believer to follow through with? Which is hardest?

Define the term "sanctification." What does it mean for a Christian to be "sanctified"? How is a Christian sanctified? How does holiness relate to grace in a Christian's life? What about in a church? Does a church have to choose between emphasizing grace and emphasizing holiness? If not, why not?

GET PERSONAL

Are you ready for Christ to return right now? If not, why not? What does it mean to live your life in light of Jesus's return? How does that affect your work, your family, your relationships with other people, etc.?

How do we live our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (5:28)? How has God shown us grace? How does he continue to show us grace? How do we live by that grace? How is that grace evidenced in our lives?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Paul gives us a command to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (5:26). How do we follow through with this command in our church? Why does Paul qualify the word "kiss" with the word "holy"? When you meet with brothers and sisters-in-Christ do you offer a greeting that expresses warmth and brotherly love in perfect holiness? What does that greeting look like (e.g. handshakes, hugs, smiles, waves)?

Look up all the passages in 1 Thessalonians that speak about prayer. Who should do the praying in the church, the leaders or the parishioners? Why would Paul ask the church to pray for him (1 Thess 5:25)? Why would Paul need prayer? What does his request tell us about Paul?

ADVANCED QUESTION

At the beginning of our study of 1 Thessalonians, we answered the who, what, when, where, and why questions for the book. We also looked at major themes. Access a study bible or commentary to review these and watch the Bible Project Video: <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/1-thessalonians/>

How has your perspective on this book changed? What are some memorable passages in 1 Thessalonians that you would like to commit to memory?