

“How You Ought To Walk”
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)

- 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)

2. The Call To Holiness Is What Has Been Instructed Without Question, (vs. 2)

2.1) The Instruction Of The Lord Is Clear & Nonnegotiable **“You Know** (οἴδατε, Perf.Act.Ind) **What Instruction”-¹⁾** *“Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ²⁾ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it ³⁾ but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁴⁾ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.” (2 Thessalonians 3:6-9)*

2.2) The Instruction Of The Lord Is From The Lord **“We Gave** (Aor.Act.Ind) **Through The Lord”-¹⁾** *“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ²⁾ If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ³⁾ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ⁴⁾ Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand.” (Ezekiel 3:17-20, ESV)*

1) “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 2) Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. 3) But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.” (1 Corinthians 11:1-3, ESV)

- 1) We are instructed to be imitators of Christ.
- 2) Our instruction comes from those who model and teach Christ.
- 3) True Christian instruction can only be accomplished through submission to the teachings of Christ.

How are you forsaking the teaching you have been given?

3. The Call To Holiness Is God's Will For You To Abstain From Sexual Immorality, (vs. 3)
4. The Call To Holiness Is God's Will For You To Lived Self Controlled In Honor, (vs. 4)
5. The Call To Holiness Is God's Will For You Not To Live In Ignorant Lust, (vs. 5)
6. The Call To Holiness Is God's Will For You Not To Transgress Each Other, (vs. 6)
7. The Call To Holiness Is God's Will For You To Live According To Your Call, (vs. 7)
8. The Call To Holiness Is God's Solemn Warning; Not Man's, (vs. 8)
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)