

Rapture Ready? (part 3): Why Church is Essential for You

1 Thess. 5:12-15

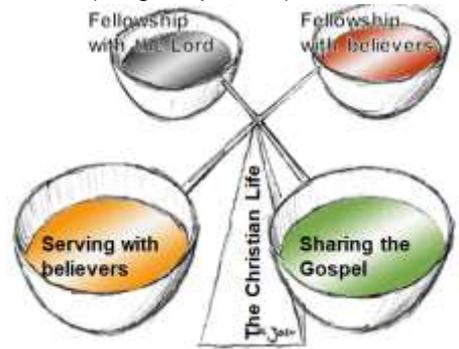
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Living in expectation “demands

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Expositing 1 Thess. 5:12-15

What does the *text* actually say?

1) How does context inform the meaning?

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- church in Thessalonica endured _____ and _____ from its first days

b. Biblical context (connections to other places in the Bible)

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- Other Scriptures are necessary for a complete eschatology!

1) Eschatology – study of last things

c. Literary context (passages surrounding)

- *Parousia* - Jesus returns (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- The Day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:1-11)
- Encourage one another with this
- If it ended there...

1) Guard against _____ teaching by immersing ourselves in right teaching

2) Put on the armor of faith, love, and hope for _____

3) Hold each other up in these

2) What is the structure of the passage?

- I. Regarding assembly: _____ within the church (v. 12-15)
 - A. Concerning leaders (v. 12-13)
 - i. _____ vs. form
 - 1. “who _____ among you”
 - 2. “are _____ you in the Lord”
 - 3. “_____ you”
 - ii. Attitude toward them
 - 1. _____ them (v. 12)
 - 2. _____ them (v. 13a)
 - iii. Preservation of _____ relations
 - B. Concerning _____ members (v. 14-15)
 - i. Types of individuals requiring special attention (v. 14)
 - 1. _____ / _____ to be admonished (_____)
 - 2. _____ to be _____
 - 3. _____ to be _____
 - ii. Proper _____ with others (v. 15)
 - 1. Negatively: don't _____ evil with evil
 - 2. Positively: always seek to do _____
 - A. Inside the church family
 - B. Outside the church family

3) What is the author's main idea for *his audience*?

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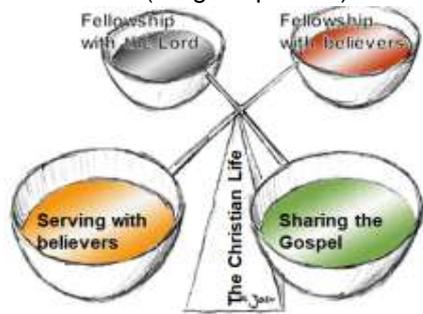
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- II. Regarding assembly: **Relationships** within the church (v. 12-15)
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 - i. **Function** vs. form
 1. “who **labor** among you”
 2. “are **over** you in the Lord”
 3. “**admonish** you”
 - ii. Attitude toward them
 3. **Respect** them (v. 12)
 4. **Esteem** them (v. 13a)
 - iii. Preservation of **peaceful** relations
 - B. Concerning **faulty** members (v. 14-15)
 - i. Types of individuals requiring special attention (v. 14)
 3. **Idle/ disorderly** to be admonished (**rebuked**)
 4. **Fainthearted** to be **encouraged**
 5. **Weak** to be **supported**
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