

Rapture Ready? (part 4) Living Holy

1 Thess. 5:16-28

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- 1) How does context inform the meaning?
 - a. Historical context (circumstances, culture of the audience)
 - False prophets were leading some astray with claims about the coming of Jesus (2 Thess. 2:3)
 - b. Biblical context (connections to other places in the Bible)
 - V. 12-28 present how to live in response to the eschatology preceding it (be ready)
 - Other connections to be noted in structure
 - 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
 - How to be “rapture ready” (5:12-28)
- 2) What is the structure of the passage?
 - I. Regarding assembly: Relationships within the _____ (v. 12-15)
 - II. Regarding conduct: Instructions for _____
_____ (v. 16-24)
 - A. Principles for Holy Living (v. 16-22)
 - i. The personal “inner life” - an _____ of the heart (v. 16-18)
 1. _____ always (Jn. 16:20-22, Rom. 5:1-5)
 2. _____ without ceasing
 3. Give _____ in all things
 4. All of these change _____!
 5. Why? “This is the _____ of _____ in Christ Jesus.” (v. 18b)
 - ii. “Outer” corporate/_____ spiritual life (v. 19-22)

1. The Holy Spirit's work: _____

_____ (v. 19-21a)

- _____ quench not (v. 19)
- _____ despise not (v. 20)
 - _____ telling (not prediction as much as _____)
- Why address this? 2 Thess. 2:3 (see historical context) Relates to words spoken forth by men as the _____ of God

2. What you do in _____ to that teaching (v. 21b-22).

- _____ to this (by _____ a preacher/prophet's words) (v. 21)
- _____ from evil (v. 22)

B. _____ work in the believer [Conclusion] (v. 23-28)

i. Blessings on the Thessalonians

ii. Paul's _____

- _____

iii. The Thessalonian's _____

- Displays of affection
- To hear Paul's message
- The Lord's grace

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

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (5:18b):

- ✓ Walk in fellowship with other believers (v. 12-15)
- ✓ Walk holy, obedient lifestyle with Jesus (v.16-28)

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 - A. Principles for Holy Living (v. 16-22)
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 1. **Rejoice** always (c.f. John 16:20-22, Rom. 5:1-5)
 2. **Pray** without ceasing
 3. Give **thanks** in all things
 4. All of these change **us!**

5. Why? “This is the **will** of **God** in Christ Jesus.” (v. 18b)
 - ii. “Outer” **corporate/church** spiritual life (v. 19-22)
 1. The Holy Spirit’s work: **sound teaching** (v. 19-21a)
 - The **Holy Spirit** quench not (v. 19)
 - **Prophecies** despise not (v. 20)
 - **Forthtelling** (not prediction as much as **instruction**)
 - Why address this?
2 Thess. 2:3 (see historical context)
Relates to words spoken forth by men as the **counsel** of God
 2. What you do in **response** to that teaching (v. 21b-22).
 - **Hold** to this (by **testing** a preacher/prophet’s words) (v. 21)
 - **Abstain** from evil (v. 22)
- B. **God’s** work in the believer [Conclusion] (v. 23-28)
- i. Blessings on the Thessalonians
 - ii. Paul’s **needs**
 - **Prayer**
 - iii. The Thessalonian’s **needs**
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