



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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From the Pastor's Office

2 Timothy 2:10-26

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. It is a trustworthy statement:

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.** But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. **Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."**

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee from youthful lusts and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.** But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. **The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.**

Paul's advice to Timothy is very appropriate for today.

First, there are many things that come our way that require endurance. They aren't particularly pleasant or something looked forward to but need to be done or experienced by sheer endurance.

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May at PLC



Sundays:

- 2, 9, 16, 23 **9:15am Sunday School & Bible study**
10:30am Worship Service
also via YouTube & FB live
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 16 **10:30am** Worship service with
Communion
- 23 **11:40am** Abbreviated Communion
12:00pm Semi-Annual Meeting
- 30 **10:30am** Worship Service
also via YouTube & FB live

Tuesdays:

- 11 **5:45pm** Mission Committee Meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **9:30am** Men's & Ladies Bible Study @
the church
6:30pm Read Through the Bible Study
@ the church

Saturdays:

- 15 **9:30am** Ladies Bible study @ church

Celebrate Our Congregation

May Birthdays:

Caedmon	Lunn	5/9
Bev	Aho	5/12
Ellie	Puumala	5/13
Leeanna	Lunn	5/14
Karen	Rokala	5/15
Elaine	Bergstedt	5/16
Sara	Serazzi	5/18
Mary Kay	Myrmel	5/21
William	Kandoll	5/21
Josiah	Kandoll	5/21
Earl	Rokala	5/23

May Anniversaries:

Jennifer & Marvin	Barhorst	5/8
Alisha & Addison	Ellis	5/27

Save The Date

***Semi-Annual Meeting is Scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd following the service. Watch for details in the May Issue of the Rise and Shine.**

Church Family Picnic

**Sunday, June 6th at French Regional Park
12605 Rockford Rd, Plymouth MN 55441
Moraine Picnic Site-**

Worship service at 10:00am

If the Park authorities do not cancel our reservation we will go ahead with the picnic: 1) making use of social distancing; 2) Each person or family will bring their own "bag lunch"-so we will eat "together" but not share food and drink outside of our family group and with what we have prepared or purchased ourselves.

Details or changes to follow.

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Paul says that he endures all things so that those who are chosen to receive the Lord into their life, resulting in salvation and eternal life, will be encouraged to do so by seeing the example of endurance in your life as in Paul's as you praise and thank the Lord for all your circumstances, even the ones you must endure. You endure them "in the Lord".

Second, in desiring God's approval for the work that we do (after salvation) we are to accurately handle God's Word—the Word of Truth. This is important so that we don't tell others falsehoods or use worldly and empty chatter, leading others to believe things that aren't Biblical. Sometimes the Word of Truth "hurts" our feelings or doesn't agree with our thinking. That can be the "sword" function of the Word as it cuts out those things that are false, or gossip, or worldly and empty chatter, or just simply untrue. The Word does this to keep us moving along God's way and not our own, even though our way seems good to us.

Third, the Lord knows those who belong to Him and He knows our tendency to engage in sinful behavior or wickedness. He establishes, through His Word, a firm foundation for us to stand upon and desires for us to be in that mode—establishing ourselves on His firm foundation and building upon it. That foundation will stand and remain against all assaults, trials, and troubles, and so will you if you are standing upon it and building upon it through spiritual growth—that's how we pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace from a pure heart.

Last, in this section I've highlighted, Paul establishes some behaviors that are admirable in the life of a follower of Jesus, developed through standing firm on the

foundation of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Those he lists are not quarrelsome, kind, able to teach and receive teaching, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those in opposition for their benefit because it may result in their salvation (which means we are to look at a person's behavior to see that it lines up with Scripture and offer correction to them) otherwise they will continue in their errant behaviors which is the same as working for the devil. Therefore it can be a noble thing to look at a person's behavior and in gentleness and love offer correction and be open to correction oneself.

Paul writes as directed by our Lord—this is His Word. Applying these truths to our lives will help us to navigate a changing world. What does the Lord promise us is ahead? Suffering. Following his advice to Timothy and applying it will benefit each of us.

He also tells us that He is coming back for all who believe in Him through faith! That's also our hope and our future. God loves each of you and desires that we live our lives in a way that will bless Him, bring honor to His name, and to be an agent in the salvation of others.

Shalom2u!

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