



Heirs of His Kingdom

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LIFE IN THE CAMP

“...The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy CAMP, to deliver thee... THEREFORE SHALL THY CAMP BE HOLY: that He see no unclean thing in thee” (Deuteronomy 23:14).

Family Life:

1. Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in LOVE (Ephesians 4:3,2).
2. Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing (Philippians 3:16).
3. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought himself also so to walk, even as Christ walked. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. Christ also... leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps (1 John 2:6; 2 John 9; 1 Peter 2:21).
4. Be thou an example of the believers
in word
in conversation
in charity
in spirit
in faith
in PURITY.

Walk worthy unto all pleasing. Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Walk worthy of God (1 Timothy 4:12; Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:12).

5. Let no filthiness, foolish talking, nor JESTING be once named among you, as becometh saints. Walk worthy (Ephesians 5:3,4).
6. Men ought always to PRAY, and not to faint. Follow His steps (Luke 18:1; 1 Peter 2:21).
7. Let not thy nakedness be discovered. Thou shalt make them... to cover their nakedness. The woman ought to cover her head because of the angels. Let the women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL with shamefacedness and sobriety, NOT with broided hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought to walk, EVEN as Christ walked (Exodus 20:26; 28:42; 1 Corinthians 11:4-10; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 John 2:6).
8. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25).
9. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders... and let them pray over him... in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:14,15).
10. Every word of God is pure: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, AND AVOID THEM. He that biddeth such God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (Proverbs 30:5; Deuteronomy 12:32; 2 John 10; Romans 16:17; 2 John 11).

“IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY [BLESSED] ARE YE IF YE DO THEM” (John 13:17).

RETREAT SONGS

JESUS ONLY IS OUR MESSAGE

1. Jesus only is our Message,
Jesus all our theme shall be,
We will lift up Jesus ever,
Jesus only will we see.

*Jesus only, Jesus ever,
Jesus all in all we sing;
Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer,
Baptizer and coming King.*
2. Jesus only is our Saviour,
All our guilt He bore away,
All our righteousness He gives us,
All our strength from day to day.
3. Jesus is our Sanctifier,
Cleansing us from self and sin,
And with all His Spirit's fulness,
Filling all our hearts within.
4. Jesus only is our Healer,
All our sicknesses He bare,
And His risen life and fulness,
All His members still may share.
5. Jesus only is our Power,
His the gift of Pentecost,
Jesus, breathe Thy Power upon us,
Fill us with the Holy Ghost.
6. And for Jesus we are waiting
Listening for the trumpet's sound
Then it will be us and Jesus,
Living ever with our God.

REDEEMED

1. Redeem'd how I love to proclaim it,
Redeem'd by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeem'd thro' His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.

*Redeem'd, Redeem'd,
Redeem'd by the blood of the Lamb
Redeem'd, Redeem'd,
His child and forever I am.*
2. Redeem'd and so happy in Jesus
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell.
3. I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent,
His love is the theme of my song.
4. I know I shall see in His beauty,
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guard my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.
5. I know there's a crown that is waiting
In yonder bright mansion for me;
And soon with the spirits made perfect,
At home with the Lord I shall be.

LOWER AND LOWER

1. Lower and lower, dear Lord, at Thy feet,
Seeking Thy Spirit, Thy mercy so sweet;
Down in our need, blessed Master, we fall,
Lower and lower; be Thou all in all.

*Lower and lower, down at Thy cross,
All the world's treasure counting but dross;
Down at Thy feet, blessed Saviour we fall,
Lower, still lower, Christ all in all.*

2. Lower and lower, dear Saviour, we pray,
Losing the self life still more ev'ry day;
Weak and unworthy, we're looking above;
Empty us, Jesus; then fill us with love.
3. Lower and lower; yet higher we rise,
Lifted in Jesus, led on to the skies;
Humbly we follow the way of the cross
Then, crowns of glory, and gain for all loss.

OH, THE BITTER SHAME AND SORROW

1. Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be,
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly answered,
"All of self, and none of Thee!"
2. Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree,
Heard Him pray, "Forgive them, Father!"
And my wistful heart said faintly-
"Some of self, and some of Thee."
3. Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full, and free,
Sweet and strong, and, ah! so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered,
"Less of self, and more of Thee."
4. Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, Thy love at last has conquered;
Grant me now my supplication -
"None of self, and all of Thee."

MY PORTION FOR EVER

1. All, all to Jesus,
I consecrate a new:
He is my portion forever.
Only His glory hence forth will I pursue:
He is my portion forever

*Take, take the world, with all its gilded toys
Take, take the world, I covet not its joys
Mine is a wealth no moth nor rust destroys:
Jesus my portion for ever*

2. All, all to Jesus,
My trusting heart can say:
He is my portion for ever.
Led by His mercy, I'm walking ev'ry day:
He is my portion for ever.

3. Though He may try me,
This blessed truth I know
He is my portion for ever.
He will not leave me, His promise tells me so:
He is my portion for ever.
4. All, all to Jesus,
I cheerfully resign:
He is my portion for ever:
I have the witness that He, My Lord, is mine:
He is my portion for ever.

IT IS MORNING IN MY HEART

1. All the darkness of the night has passed away
It is morning in my heart.
I am living in the sunlight of the day,
It is morning in my heart.

*It is morning, it is morning in my heart,
Jesus made the gloomy shadows all depart:
Songs of gladness now I sing,
For since Jesus is my King,
It is morning, it is morning in my heart.*
2. I can hear the songbirds singing their refrain,
It is morning in my heart;
And I know that life for me begins again,
It is morning in my heart.
3. Christ has made the world a paradise for me,
It is morning in my heart;
Ev'ry duty in the light of love I see,
It is morning in my heart.
4. Joy has come to dwell with me forever,
It is morning in my heart;
I shall sing it when I reach the other shore,
It is morning in my heart.

BIBLE STUDY 1

LIVING RIGHTEOUSLY DURING PERSECUTION

2 Thessalonians 1:4-6

Paul was proud of the church of the Thessalonians. The church was a good example to others. Paul spoke about this church in other “**churches of God**” (Verse 4). What made the church a model for other churches? “**The work of faith, labour of love and patience of hope**” in the Lord; they were “**followers of the Lord**” and of the Apostles; they had the “**joy of the Holy Ghost**” during persecution. They were consistent “**examples to all that believe**”. “**The word of the Lord**” was proclaimed throughout their region. It was evident to all around them that they had “**turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God**”.

Their conversion was genuine and they had “**received the word of God not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God**”. Though they were tempted and tried severely, they remained steadfast in their faith, love and hope. Their deep love for God and practical love for one another revealed how they had been “**taught of God**”. There was no doubt in the redemptive reality of their experience in Christ, because the Apostle testified concerning them: “**ye are all the children of light**”. The Apostle then was always thankful to God on their behalf because of the increase and growth of their Christian virtues despite the growing persecution and affliction. The virtues of faith, love, hope, peace, righteousness, patience, knowledge, temperance, godliness, brotherly kindness were consistently growing while hostility and persecution became more intense in their community.

1. PATIENCE AND FAITH'S REASSURANCE DURING PERSECUTION

2 Thessalonians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13,14,19,20; Romans 5:3-5; 12:12-21; 1 Thessalonians 3:2-8; Hebrews 10:34-39; James 5:7-11; 1 Peter 1:5-9; Acts 14:21-23.

“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God”. The spiritual growth and progress of the church of the Thessalonians caused Paul and his companions in ministry so much joy. They desired all other churches to be like this model church. So, they spoke about the church everywhere lifting up the church as an example to follow. The church had remained steadfast and full of faith despite the persecutions they were enduring. It was a church that was commended and recommended to other churches. They were not commended for anything physical or temporal but for their perseverance and steadfast faith in the Lord. Persecution could not destroy their faith; theirs was a genuine faith, faith that produced conversion and real transformation of life. From the time of their conversion, they lived by faith, walked by faith, stood steadfast in the faith, endured all things by faith and remained faithfully obedient to the word of God.

“For your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure”. The word, **“patience”**, used here, means steadfastness or perseverance. The word, **“tribulations”** here signifies troubles, trials, afflictions, pains inflicted by their persecutors. In all kinds of persecution, trial, affliction or deprivation, these believers kept on trusting God and living for His glory. Some other churches were not so steadfast and persevering but this church was different. Others caused Paul pain and travail but this church made him joyful and fulfilled. For some other churches he said, **“I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you”** but for this church, he was very thankful to God.

2. PUNISHMENT AND FRIGHTENING RECOMPENSE FOR PERSECUTORS

2 Thessalonians 1:5a,6; Philippians 1:28-30; Romans 2:4-11; Deuteronomy 32:41-43; Psalm 94:20-23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Acts 17:30,31; 1 Peter 4:14-18; Revelation 11:17,18.

The righteous do suffer persecution only on the earth for a short time. Their persecutors will suffer the punishment of a righteous God for an indefinite, unending time, forever and ever. **“The righteous judgment of God”** is **“the wrath of God revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men”**; it is His **“indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil”**; it is the unbearable **“terror of the Lord”**, **“in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ”**. The suffering of the persecutors of the righteous will continue forever and ever, long after the persecuted have forgotten the pain of their persecution.

“It is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you”. The punishment of persecutors in this world and in eternity is proof of God's displeasure against those who persecute the righteous. Those who have given the righteous tribulation on earth will receive tribulation in eternity. There will be a future, inescapable judgment for all persecutors of the righteous. It is just and proper that the wicked be punished.

A righteous God cannot leave the wicked and the enemies of righteousness unpunished. God has promised to punish all unrighteousness and all haters of the righteous will definitely be punished in eternity. If it be right and proper to punish wickedness here on earth, it is definitely right, proper and expected to punish sin, wickedness and impurity in the future world. God cannot and will not treat the righteous and the wicked alike. The Judge of all the earth will **“do right”**. He will reward the righteous but will punish the unrighteous.

3. PROMISES AND FUTURE REWARDS FOR THE PERSECUTED

2 Thessalonians 1:5b; Mark 9:47; Luke 9:62; 21:34-36; Acts 14:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9,10; 2 Thessalonians 1:10,11; 2 Timothy 2:10-13; Revelation 3:4.

“That ye may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God”. **“Ye”** here refers to those who are born again, since anyone who is not born again cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:3-8). These **“ye”** who will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God have repented of all their sins and have been washed and cleansed from all sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). To be worthy of the kingdom of God, they would have to be truly converted and totally set free from the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). Saved and made righteous by grace through faith, they also **“continue in the faith”** through the enabling grace of God, enduring persecution and remaining steadfast in the Lord to the end (Acts 14:22). He who is a child of God and a partaker of the divine nature is made worthy of the eternal kingdom of God. God has power to make us meet and keep us worthy of His eternal Kingdom.

BIBLE STUDY 2

WARNING AGAINST LATTER-DAY DECEPTION

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

Error breeds fear and false doctrine produces false security. So, when error or false doctrine arises among Christians, we should be careful to teach the truth and set things right. False prophets and teachers of error do great mischief and serve the Adversary of our souls. In preaching and promoting error, they intend to deceive, discourage, destroy and damn men's souls. The Antichrist will be a great deceiver, and today, antichrists deceive multitudes and drive them to perdition.

The Thessalonian believers had been well-taught concerning the certainty of Christ's Second Coming. The Second Coming of Christ is certain and undisputable. This is the faith and joy of all Christians in all ages of the Church. The Thessalonians and all other Christians were waiting expectantly for Christ's coming and "**our gathering together unto Him.**" False teachers were going around and teaching false revelation about the time of His coming. Some of the believers in Thessalonica were disturbed, confused, troubled and discouraged. The Apostle, Paul, wrote to the believers to correct the misleading errors, reveal the facts of events surrounding Christ's Second Coming, and re-establish Christians in the truth. Instead of allowing disputes and debates to distract Christians and destroy the Church, Christ's ministers should promptly and properly teach the Truth, knowing that the Truth sets us free and keeps us focused.

1. THE PERTINENT DISCLOSURE ABOUT THE FUTURE

2 Thessalonians 2:1,2; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 7-11; Luke 21:9,19; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Matthew 24:6-14,31; 2 Peter 3:3-8.

The main purpose of the Apostle in this chapter was to correct the erroneous, alarming teaching of false prophets pertaining to the Second Coming of Christ. Some of the false prophets claimed a new revelation "**by spirit**" while others wrote "**letter as from us**", deceitfully using Paul's name as the writer. The Apostle pleaded with the Thessalonian church to stop listening to teachings, doctrines, dreams or revelations that lead astray. "**Now we beseech you, brethren.**" It was a passionate plea of a concerned parent that his children would not be troubled or terrified by false alarm. The appeal came because of false terrifying revelations in regard to the great event of "**the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him.**"

Rumours had been circulating that Paul himself had said that the day of the Lord had arrived. Rumours are always dangerous and deceptive. One version intimated that Paul had received information "**by spirit**", that is, by a special revelation. Another version claimed that it was "**by word**", that is, the Apostle had publicly taught that the tribulation had already begun. And still another version of rumours, making rounds, quoted those who said they saw "**letter as from us**"; forged letter, purportedly from Paul! The rumours made the believers afraid that what they believed before was no more true. They were afraid that the day of God's wrath had begun.

2. THE PREDICTED DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH

2 Thessalonians 2:3; Isaiah 30:8-13; John 3:19-21; 1 Timothy 4:1,2; 2 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:3-5; 2 Peter 2:1-3.

"**Let no man deceive you by any means.**" Be not deceived by a false message, written or spoken, claiming to originate from an angel, an apostle or a church leader or a prophet. "**Even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**" "**Many false prophets are gone into the world.**" "**For many deceivers are entered into the world** (1 John 2:18; 4:1; 2 John 7). It is of great importance for each Christian to watch so that he is not deceived and for the whole Church to be on our guard. "**For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first.**" There is going to be "**a falling away**" from the faith before the day of Christ's coming. This prophecy runs through the New Testament from the beginning to the end. "**And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold**" (Matthew 24:11,12). "**Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**" (1 Timothy 4:1). "**This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. Men shall be ... having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof**" (2 Timothy 3:1,2,5). "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables**" (2 Timothy 4:3,4). This prophecy of great and general departure from the faith is being fulfilled

today. As more and more people profess religion and church-going, we see less and less people possess righteousness and real Christianity.

3. THE PERVERSE DECEIVER IN HIS FALSEHOOD

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5; Daniel 7:25; 8:9-11,25; 11:36 ; Matthew 24:24,25; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; 1 John 2:18; 4:1-6; Jude 17-25.

The great departure from the faith, a widespread, wholesale abandonment of true Christianity, a worldwide rejection of the Christian faith by the visible church will precede the coming of the “**man of sin**”, “**the son of perdition**.” This son of perdition will be the very embodiment of sin and lawlessness, rebellion and blasphemy, wickedness and apostasy. As to his destiny, he is the son of perdition; he is doomed to eternal damnation with all who are deceived by him.

The Scriptures contain many descriptions of this great world leader who will arise during the period of the great apostasy of the Church. He is referred to as “**the king of fierce countenance**” (Daniel 8:23-25), “**the prince that shall come**” (Daniel 9:26), the wilful king (Daniel 11:36), “**the man of sin**” “**the son of perdition**” (2 Thessalonians 2:3), “**the Antichrist**” (1 John 2:18), “**the Beast**” (Revelation 13:1-17), “**the False Prophet**” (Revelation 19:20; 20:10). He will violently oppose every form of true worship and will enthrone himself in the temple of God, claiming to be God and demanding worship. As the Antichrist, he will be opposed to Christ and persecute all who want to remain faithful to Christ. Those who refuse to worship him will be severely tortured and many will be martyred. “**Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man**” (Luke 21:36).

EVANGELISM SEMINAR

I. THE MASTER’S MANDATE

1. The inescapable command to evangelise
2. Faithfulness in following and fishing with the Master

II. EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

1. Developing a lifestyle of fruitful soul-winning
2. Perseverance in follow-up and discipling converts

III. WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

1. Witnessing in the power and wisdom of the Spirit
2. Faithfully preserving the fruit of evangelism

IV. EVANGELISM IN THE CITY

1. Strategies for effectively evangelising our cities
2. Models for nurturing new-born babes in Christ

V. MOBILIZATION FOR EVANGELISM

1. Equipping and releasing believers for in-depth evangelism
2. Training every church member for daily soul-winning

VI. EVANGELISTIC CHURCH PLANTING

1. Unrelenting commitment to fruitful evangelism with church planting
2. Nurturing, strengthening and multiplying new churches

VII. DYNAMIC DISCIPLESHIP

1. Winning souls to Christ in the power of the Spirit
2. Steady and systematic training of reproductive soul-winners

2018 EASTER RETREAT PROGRAMME

| Day & Date | Faith Clinic 6.30-7.45am | Kingdom Life 9.00-10.30am | Morning Message 10.45am-12pm | Evangelism Seminar 12.15-1.15pm | Bible Study 1.30-2.30pm | Christian Living 4.30-5.45pm | Evening Message 6.00-7.15pm | Kingdom Priority 7.30-9.00pm |
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| Thursday Mar. 29 | <i>To be established in His Kingdom</i> | | | | | | | |
| Friday Mar. 30 | Kingdom faith | Kingdom citizens | The new creature | Seminar 1 | <i>Bible Study 1</i> | Freedom from carnality and worldliness | The recovery of prodigal wanderers | Kingdom treasures |
| Saturday Mar.31 | Kingdom authority | Kingdom service | The new covenant | Seminar 2 | <i>Bible Study 2</i> | Mutual faithfulness in a godly family | Prosperity through sacrificial giving | Kingdom love |
| Sunday Apr. 1 | Kingdom triumph | | | | | | | |
| <i>To establish His Kingdom</i> | | | | | | | | |