

“CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY”

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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Main Theme: God initiated our salvation and he is faithful to finish what he starts.

Introduction (5:23-24)

- A. Paul's major emphasis in this letter is how Christians are to live in light of Jesus' certain return.

- B. As Paul concludes this letter he gives this congregation self-contained kernels of truth about how to be a Gospel church, how to overcome and conquer (*Revelation 3:21*), how to be a Christian Community

1. The key to all this wisdom is found in 1Thessalonians 5:23-24!

I. Our Relationship to One Another as Christians (5:12-15)

- A. Our Relationship to Church Leaders (*vv. 12 & 13*)

- B. Our Relationship to Those in Need (*vv. 14 & 15*)

II. Our Relationship to God (5:16-18)

- A. Rejoice Always (v. 16)
- B. Pray Without Ceasing (v. 17)
- C. Give Thanks in All Circumstances (v. 18)

III. Our Relationship with the Truth (5:19-22)

- A. The Work of the Holy Spirit

Conclusion / Application (5:25-28)

- A. A Parting Request for Prayer (v. 25)
- B. Greet All with a Holy Kiss (v. 26)
- C. A Powerful Charge (v. 27)
- D. An Apostolic Benediction (v. 28)