

The Unstoppable Faithfulness of God

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (HCSB) He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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God's Unstoppable Faithfulness helps you to...

- 1) Love _____ (12-15)
 - a. Love those who labor over you and lead you in the Lord. (vs. 12-13)
 - b. Warning the irresponsible is a form of love. (14a)
 - c. Always pursue what is good for all. (vs. 15)

- 2) Live _____ for God (16-22)
 - a. This section of scripture encourages total devotion to Jesus Christ.
 - b. **Prophecies** - This word can refer to a spoken revelation from God (cf. Acts 11:27, 28; 1 Tim. 1:18; 4:14), but most often refers to the written word of Scripture (cf. Matt. 13:14; 2 Pet. 1:19–21; Rev. 1:3; 22:7, 10, 18, 19). These “prophecies” are authoritative messages from God through a well recognized spokesman for God that, because of their divine origin, are not to be treated lightly. When God's Word is preached or read, it is to be received with great seriousness. (John MacArthur)
 - c. **Test all things** - We must carefully examine the preached word and embrace the good and shun the evil.

- 3) Let sanctification _____ its work in you (23-24)
 - a. It is only in the power of God that we can grow in holiness and obedience.
 - b. His work affects our whole “spirit, soul, and body.” (vs. 23)
 - c. We can rejoice in God's faithfulness, claiming the promise of Philippians 1:6 (HCSB) I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Questions for Application

- 1) How does God want us to regard church leaders? (5:12-13)
- 2) How does God want us to treat each other? (5:13-15)
- 3) What attitudes represent God's will for us? (5:16-18)
- 4) How should we pray? (5:17)
- 5) When should we give thanks? (5:18)
- 6) What is God's will for us? (5:16-18)
- 7) How should we show respect for the Holy Spirit's presence in us? (5:19-22)
- 8) What does God want to happen inside us? (5:23)
- 9) For what reason can we depend on God? (5:24)
- 10) What kind of affection did Paul have for the Thessalonian Christians? (5:26)
- 11) Who was to hear the contents of this letter? (5:27)
- 12) How can you show respect for the leaders of your church?
- 13) What can we do to live in peace with everyone in the church?
- 14) How can the peace among people in the church be damaged?
- 15) What situations tend to test your patience?
- 16) What does it mean to pray continually?
- 17) What happens when you pay back evil to a person who has done wrong to you?
- 18) Why should we give thanks in all circumstances?
- 19) What value is there in giving thanks in all circumstances?
- 20) How can you remain joyful when things go badly?
- 21) How does prayer relate to a person's joy?
- 22) How could a person put out the Spirit's fire?
- 23) How can we tell if God is actually at work in us?
- 24) How can we help or hinder God's work within us?
- 25) Which of Paul's short, direct commands in this passage do you most need to remember this week?
- 26) With whom do you need to make peace? How can you start?