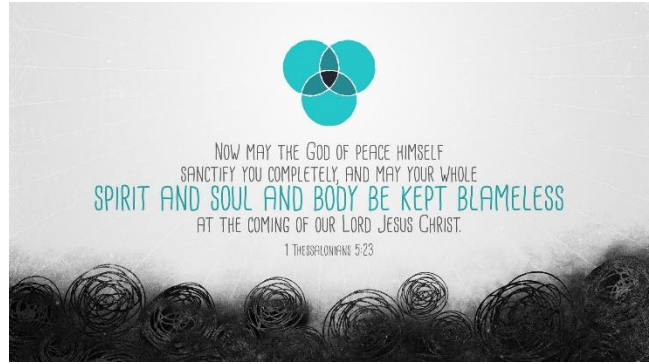


Advent 3

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

God's Word for Today

Jesus' advent brings us joy as we wait for him to rescue us from this world of sin. The knowledge of his coming inspires us to joyfully praise him and willingly live for him.



WARM UP

What causes you to “blow a gasket”: Traffic jams? Christmas shopping? Bickering children? Burned dinners? Or what?

What was your high point for the week?

INTO THE TEXT

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28.

What is the reason we love our pastors?

What responsibility does a congregation have toward the spiritual faults of its members?

Explain the eight commands that Paul gives for a Christian life in verses 16-22.

Why does Paul charge the Thessalonians to read this letter to everyone?

What stood out to you the most from Sunday's sermon? Any questions that you'd like to ask in regard to the sermon?

GOD'S WORD FOR MY DAILY LIFE

Of all the various commands, which are most relevant to your church? Your workplace? You? Which do you feel you already are practicing well? Which one will you work on this week? How?

What encouragement, sanctification and grace do you receive from God to fulfill these commands? What/Who has helped you the most?

How can this group support and pray for you right now?

CLOSING PRAYER

My Next Step

- **Key Verse.** *“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)*
- **Key Response.** Paul closes with a series of exhortations to live a Christian life. Then he reminds us where our power comes from: God. How do we respond in our Christian living?