

Theme: In the book of 1 Thessalonians Paul encourages Christians in the midst of an ungodly culture to live in holiness as they eagerly await the return of Jesus.

## **I. A Holy Prayer of Thanks**

- A. Theme: Christian should express thankfulness for God's blessings and the people in their lives.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
- C. Response: Water Baptism
- D. Benediction: Psalm 115:14-15
- E. Teaching keywords: gratitude and thanksgiving; prayer; blessing; gospel; good works; perseverance

## **II. A Holy People**

- A. Theme: The church is a holy people who have been chosen by God, given a mission, and are sustained and inspired by our hope in the return of Jesus Christ.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10
- C. Response: Water Baptism
- D. Benediction: Psalm 128:5-6
- E. Teaching keywords: holiness; church; evangelism and missions; hope; endurance; election

## **III. A Holy Ministry**

- A. Theme: Holy ministry flows from proper motives, is conducted in a Christlike manner, and endures difficulty until the Gospel bears fruit.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: leadership; holiness; endurance; correction; church

## **IV. A Holy Response to the Word of God**

- A. Theme: God's holy people receive the Gospel as the Word of God rather than a human teaching, but those who reject it remain under God's wrath.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Acts 20:32
- E. Teaching keywords: Word of God; gospel; salvation and deliverance; holiness; persecution; judgment

## **V. A Holy Joy**

- A. Theme: Holy joy is found in the growing faith of those we love, even in the midst of persecution and suffering.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: joy; persecution; perseverance; Satan and demons

## **VI. A Holy Community of Love**

- A. Theme: The church is to be a community overflowing with love, growing in holiness, as it waits for the return of Jesus.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: holiness; love; church; prayer; eschatology

## **VII. A Holy Sexuality**

- A. Theme: A Christian must be holy in their sexual conduct, avoiding all sexual activity other than a man and woman within marriage.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- E. Teaching keywords: sexual sin; holiness; self-control; sanctification

## **VIII. A Holy Ambition**

- A. Theme: Christians are called to holy ambition - not for fleeting fame but for praise of God for a quiet life of honest work and loving others.
- B. Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 90:16-17
- E. Teaching keywords: love; calling and work; holiness

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