

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

1 Thessalonian

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28: THE FIREWORKS

- 1. Remembering Paul is the first step to fully experiencing and enjoying the Super-Abounding Christian Life that God has given to all believers through Christ. (1 Thess. 3-5)**
- 2. If they continued to remember what Paul taught, they would continue to abound in the full experience and enjoyment of the Super-Abounding Love that God was pouring into their hearts. (1 Thess. 3:6-13)**
- 3. If they continued to remember what Paul taught about abstaining from sexual immorality, they would continue to abound in the full experience and enjoyment of the Super-Abounding Walk that God was producing in and through them. (1 Thess. 4:1-8)**
- 4. If they continued to remember that Paul's Ministry came to them without adding unnecessary hardship on the brethren (1 Thess. 2:6-9), they would continue to abound in the full experience and enjoyment of the Super-Abound Brotherly Love God teaching them about. (1 Thess. 4:9-12)**
- 5. If they learned and remembered what Paul taught about The Coming of the Lord for the Body of Christ at the Rapture (that ALL believers would be with him at that coming whether alive or dead, whether watching or not watching) they would begin to fully experience and enjoy the Super-Abounding Hope that God had given to them. (1 Thess. 4:13-5:11)**
- 6. In short, if they followed Paul they would be following the Lord (1 Thess. 1:6), and if they remembered Paul they would be standing fast in the Lord (1 Thess. 3:6-8)**

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- 7. First, know—recognize, appreciate, value--those who minister God's things to you by following the Pattern of Paul's Ministry abounding in Agape Love by esteeming them highly (SUPER-ABOUNDING!) because of the work, for the benefit of the whole assembly. (1 Thess. 5:12-13; 2:9; Phil. 2:3-4)**
- 8. In Paul's absence, these are the ones who admonish like Paul admonished—with tenderness not to shame but to provide teaching that encourages us to do what is right. (1 Thess. 2:6-9)**
- 9. Everything starts with true Timothy's because they remind us of everything Paul taught everyone everywhere in every church (1 Cor. 4:16-17), and remembering Paul is the starting point of fully experiencing and enjoying the Super-Abounding Christian life that God has given to every believer. (1 Thess. 3-4; Rom. 15:13)**
- 10. This is what will maintain the peace within the assembly (BROTHERLY LOVE)**
- 11. True Timothy's will instruct us to continue to abound in Brotherly love just the way Paul did by (5:14):**
 - a. Warning them that are disorderly (1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:6-11)**
 - b. Comforting the fainthearted (1 Thess. 2:11)**
 - c. Support the weak by teaching them to “rightly divide” the word of God (Rom. 15:1-16)**
 - d. Be longsuffering under provocation because that is the very basis for what God is doing today—dispensing the riches of His longsuffering goodness through the Apostleship and Ministry of Paul. Rom. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Peter 3:15-18)**
- 12. True Timothy's will instruct us to continue to abound in Agape Love by not rendering evil for evil to anyone, but instead they were to keep on hotly pursuing the good for others, just as Paul said (5:15). (Rom. 12:9-21)**

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- 13. Agape doesn't consider one's own things and retaliate. Agape Love considers the things of others and extends what is good for the other, whether one inside the assembly or outside.
(Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 13:4)**
- 14. True Timothys will instruct us to recognize the whole Triune Godhead working in and through us just as Paul did in his Ministry:**
- a. Rejoice always (in the midst of afflictions—the Fruit of the Spirit). (1 Thess. 5:16; Rom. 12:12)**
 - b. Pray without ceasing in everything giving thanks (to the Father).
(1 Thess. 5:17-18; 3:9; Rom. 12:12)**
 - c. For this is the Will of God for those In Christ. (1 Thess. 5:18)**
- 15. True Timothys will instruct us to not hinder this work of the Triune Godhead by extinguishing the activity of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19-21):**
- a. Don't belittle prophesying because it was from the Holy Spirit and still necessary when Paul wrote this letter because it was before the whole body of truth for the Body of Christ had been revealed to and through the Apostle Paul.**
 - b. Instead, appreciate it while testing its APPROVAL and everything else based on Paul's teaching because God has entrusted him with His Good News for today.
--1 Thess. 2:4—but as we were allowed (APPROVED) of God to be entrusted with the Gospel so we (Paul and his coworkers) speak not as pleasing men but God who APPROVES our hearts.
(Rom. 2:4-5, 16, 29)**

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- 16. True Timothy will instruct us to cling to the good that flows out of Super-Abounding Agape Love abstaining from all forms of evil. (1 Thess. 5:21-22)**
--Grasp hold of the good, to the form of everything that is inherently beautiful (by God's standards)—
God's Truth for today.
--Throw away every kind of evil, whatever form it takes—whatever doesn't pass the test of God's Truth for today.
- 17. How do we test and approve things today? We do it by comparing everything to Paul's Teaching, which is the only message that God's puts His stamp of approval on today. (1 Thess. 2:4)**
--Everything else is "evil."
- 18. True Timothy will instruct us that in the light of all this "beseeching," urging, pleading by Paul, the ultimate source of accomplishing these things is God Himself. (1 Thess. 5:23)**
--He is the source of peace.
--He is the One who preserves the whole person blameless and brings us into the presence of OUR Lord Jesus Christ.
- 19. True Timothy will instruct us that the sanctification God provides the believer extends into the forever future with Christ, it starts in the here and now.**
---Follow Paul because that means we will be following the Lord. (1 Thess. 1:6)
---Remember Paul because that means we will be standing fast in the Lord. (1 Thess. 3:6-8)
---Test everything based on the God tested and approved ministry of Paul. (1 Thess. 2:4)

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- 20. We won't be standing with Christ at His appearance based on our own works but based on the work of God. (1 Thess. 5:24)**
--It is based solely on the faithfulness of God—God promised this to every member of the Body of Christ and He will perform it. (1 Thess. 5:24)
--God is keeps on “calling” believers to Himself, guaranteeing that He will see them through.
- 21. The God who calls also acts. (1 Thess. 5:24)**
--God will perfectly perform all that is necessary in our calling.
--What matters is not our feeble hold onto God but His unbreakable strong grip on us!
- 22. All of 1 Thessalonians is based on Paul taking the Thessalonians into thankful communion with OUR God and Father. (1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2:13; 3:9-13)**
--Now it was their turn to do the same with Paul! (1 Thess. 5:25)
- 23. Paul demands that true Timothy's now use this letter, this workbook of how God worked among the Thessalonians through the Apostleship of Paul, (along with the rest of Paul's teachings) to remind ALL the holy brethren, ALL believers, because it is what God is using today to join the grace that flows from OUR Lord Jesus Christ to the Thessalonians of that day and everyone else since!**

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