

With The Master In View of His Return

Lesson 11 - Paul's Three-fold Prayer for the Church at Thessalonica - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

1. Read Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 and then rewrite it in your own words.
2. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 3:12.
3. (a) Read over the following prayers of the apostle Paul and write down which one is your favorite and why? Romans 15: 5,6,13; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; Philemon 4-6. (b) Pray your favorite prayer for either yourself or someone else. (c) What are some of the benefits of praying the Word of God when we pray?
4. (a) Paul prays that the church would increase and abound in their love toward each other in 1 Thessalonians 3:12. What are some ways in which we can do that according to the following passages? Matthew 7:12; Matthew 22:39; 1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:13-15; Galatians 5:22-26; Philippians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 15; 1 John 3:11-18. (b) What are some practical ways that we increase in our love toward others?
5. (a) Why is it important according to 1 Corinthians 3:9-17, Hebrews 12:14 and 1 John 2:28 that we are found blameless when the Lord returns? (b) What will happen to those who are not found blameless when the Lord returns according to Revelation 21:1-8? (c) How do these passages motivate you to be blameless?
6. (a) Paul reminds the church in 1 Thessalonians 3:13 and also in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 that the Lord is coming. According to the passage in 2 Thessalonians what are some things that have to happen first before the Lord comes? (b) Using any other study helps that you might have access to, (Internet helps too!), find out what this all means, and write down what you find.
7. As you reflect on this lesson, what has the Lord impressed upon your heart? Please put it in the form of a prayer request.