

HE'S COMING BACK – PART III
“Graduate Level Followers”
1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Last week’s message focused on Paul’s dynamic leadership and caregiving. He set forth a stellar performance in caring for his team and the new converts at Thessalonica. I titled that message “Graduate Level Care.” Today we look at the flip side of leadership, which is followership. The Thessalonians were stellar followers. This morning’s message will focus on the characteristics of being a “Graduate Level Follower”, which is the title of my message.

1) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____ FOR GOD’S WORD, v. 13

- A. We must listen to the word of God through preachers
- B. We must receive the word of God – not as human origin
- C. We must accept the word of God as God’s word
- D. We have God’s word at work (*energeó*) in us bringing transformation, Heb 4:12, 1 Peter 2:2-3

APPLICATION POINTS

- A) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____,
1 Thess 4:9, 2 Tim 3:16, Pro 15:31, Psalm 25:4-5

- B) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____
OF THEIR LEADERS, 1 Thess 3:6, 5:12-13

- C) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____
OF THEIR LEADERS’ AUTHORITY, Heb 13:17

2) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____ OF OTHER GODLY DISCIPLES, v. 14

- A. They imitated God’s churches in Judea in Christ
- B. They suffered from their own people – Gentiles
- C. They suffered the same abuse as churches in Judea

3) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ENDURE TRIALS AS A _____ WITH OTHER BELIEVERS, v. 14

- A. All believers face trials, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 19
- B. All believers face varying levels of persecution
- C. All believers grow through their hardships, James 1:3-8

4) GRADUATE LEVEL FOLLOWERS ARE _____ IN THE _____ OF JESUS’ VICTORY, vv. 15-16, Rom 8:35-39, 11:25-26

- A. The Jews instigated the persecution in Thessalonica, Acts 17:1-9, Romans 9:2-4
- B. They killed the Lord Jesus, the prophets & displease God
- C. They are hostile to Paul preaching to the Gentiles
- D. They heap their sins to the limit – God’s wrath is coming
- E. They have a future, Romans 11:25-26

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Hungry, Teachable, Respectful, Accepting, Imitators, Shared Experience, Strengthened, Fact.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why is it important to be a good follower?
- #2. Describe the relationship the Thessalonians had to the word of God.
- #3. Why is it important to be teachable?
- #4. Why is it important to be respectful of your leaders?
- #5. Why is it important to be submitted to the authority of your leaders? Is this difficult for people in our culture today?
- #6. What benefit to we gain from reading the stories of godly men and women in the Bible and imitating them?
- #7. Since we all experience trials why is it important to encourage one another at church?
- #8. In what way(s) do we gain strength in the knowledge that when God returns he will punish those who reject and oppose the gospel? (vv. 14-16)
- #9. Was Paul bashing the Jews (vv. 15-16)? What point was he trying to make?
- #10. What is God's plan for the future of Israel? (Romans
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

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*They tell us how you turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God, and
to wait for his Son from heaven*

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY JULY 31st

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series through 1 Thessalonians. Today's message focuses on the importance of being a good follower.

AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE BBQ AT PASTOR BRUCE'S HOUSE

Everyone is invited to Bruce & Carol's house after church for some food and fellowship. Bring a side dish to share if you like, but it isn't required. 1961 Ambridge Dr., Roseville. LET'S HAVE FUN!

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website
(hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

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CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Church in the park at Garbolino. The church will provide meat, buns, condiments, water, and paper products. Everyone else can bring a dish to share. It will be a blast.

FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN

We will be replacing the kitchen sink, base cabinets, counter tops and apply a fresh coat of paint in the next few weeks. It will look great! If you want to contribute money to that write kitchen in the memo of your check.