



Church School Lesson: "The Word of God" Scripture Reading: 1st Thessalonians 2:13-3:1-5

Key Verse: "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe." Thessalonians 2:13 **Happy Birthday! Sis. Wanda Samuels** 😊

Summary of the Lesson:

The lesson for today is based on Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians. Thessalonica was a large city in Greece, second only to Athens in terms of population. It was a multicultural city with Greek, Roman and Jewish residents. It was a prosperous city because of its port and being on a trade route. Rome was the governmental authority. Paul, along with his companion Silas, went to that city and began teaching and preaching in the synagogue. Some Jews and many Gentiles accepted the Message. There were those, however, who were jealous of the success of Paul and Silas and petitioned the governing authority to persecute the residents who believed in the Message. That church continued to grow despite persecution. What was it about the Message that caused folks to accept it? The Jews had the Torah (Old Testament) taught in the synagogue. The Gentiles were surrounded by the many "gods" worshipped with the hope that they would help them in their daily lives. Paul came with the Message authorized by the true and living God. What they heard from Paul was his oral testimony revealed to him by Jesus Christ. The Message was to be trusted with heart and soul. Those who call on God for help, would get help. "But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?" (Romans 10:14,15). Not in the today's lesson text, Paul tells us something about himself; his qualification and approval to deliver the Message. He is: God tested to make sure he was qualified to be trusted with the Message; he is not speaking for crowd approval; he has no ulterior motive or hidden agenda; he does not use words to placate; he does not use words to take advantage; he does not throw his weight around; he is not patronizing nor condescending; he works so as not to be a burden of supporting him while he proclaims God's Message; he is not a freeloader; he wants to show them how to live well before God. What the people heard and responded to was taken as divinely authoritative and given by revelation from Jesus Christ. The Message was taken seriously and not passed off as just one more human opinion, "... but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Paul writes this Letter to encourage them in the face of persecution. Who are the persecutors here? They are the "other Jews" who did not believe. The mindset of those persons "...killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone." (1 Thess 2:15). The response to what the people heard was acceptance of the truth of God despite opposition to the Message. How do you respond to the Word of God? We have access to so many translations, sizes and bindings. The folks who accepted the Word of God did not have the advantage of written text like we do. Yet, they took very seriously what they heard. Anything or anyone who is, or that is contrary to the Word of God prevents us from understanding and responding to the truth about God. As we trust the Word of God, He gives us what we need in life's journey: love, peace, joy, guidance, hope, promise and comfort that still speaks to the heart, even in the face of adversity. It is not enough to hear the Word. We must trust the Word. We must also be doers of the Word. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - The Stewardess Board meeting is **CANCELLED TODAY** –

BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED – the month of **AUGUST** we will resume on **Tues. Sept. 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.**

We will **NOT** have **Church School: Aug. 11th, 18th & 25th** We will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 1st at 9:00 a.m.**

Sat., Sept. 14th "COMMUNITY DAY" more info to come.

Sun., Sept. 15th – Elder Stanley Hearst will be here to hold **our 2nd Quarterly Conf.** after the morning service. Presidents, Co-Chairs, those who have to report you will received your quarter report today.

Sat. Oct. 5th @ 12noon -**The Phila. Conference Lay Organization "Unsung Hero Awards Luncheon"** will be held at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa., **Bro David Goodman** is the Unsung Hero from LaMott.

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Sunday

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family

Order of Service

Scripture of the Month: "No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways." Psalm 91:10-11 NKJV

CALL TO WORSHIP - Please see INSERT

OPENING HYMN "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

1) What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

4) This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Refrain: O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "I Heard the Savior Say" Please see INSERT

DECLARATION

This is my Bible. I am what it says I am. I can have what it says I can have. I can do what it says I can do. Today I will be taught the word of God. My mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I'll never be the same again. In Jesus' name. Amen

READING OF THE WILL:

Old Testament- Isaiah 26: 1-4 New Testament - Romans 12: 9-21 The Gospel - John 14: 22-27

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Gloria Patri - "Glory be to the Father"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Please see INSERT

SERMON Rev. Dr. Louis P. Attles, Pastor - Focus or Theme: "See God's Peace"

INVITATIONAL

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THE PASTOR'S WORD/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ & WELCOME VISITORS

GENERAL CONFESSION Please see INSERT

COMMUNION ADMINISTERED "The Lord's Supper"

BENEDICTION "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand"



Our youth and college students as they continue on their journey and teachers as they return to the classrooms, Bro. Roy Moore, Sis. Danita Wilbanks, Sister Mary English, Manjula Jefpoul sister of Sis. Anirha Jefpoul, Sis. Lil Mellerson, Sis. Jackie Sewell's Sis. Virginia Braxton, Sis. Maggie Bullard, Family. Healing and Unity in our family and country, Bro. Leroy Williams, husband of Sis. Debbie Williams, Sis. O'Jetta Crowell's Brother - Brewington W. Crowell ESQ, and her Sister Dr. Elva L. Crowell, Sis. Lottie Chisholm's mother, Lula King, Rev., Dr. & Mrs. Melvin D. Wayns, Sis. Deb Williams' Dad, family members and friends who are sick and have lost loved ones. **Birthdays or Anniversaries in August.**



August - Wanda Samuzls - 20th



August† - Keith & Mary English 16th - 38 years Martin & Nicole 19th - 24 years David & Lydia Goodman 30th - 49 years

