Living in Light of
CHRIST'S RETURN

Studies in 1 Thessalonians

For the family to flourish …

A. We need leadership. (vv. 12-13)

B. We need partnership. (vv. 14-15)

C. We need worship. (vv. 16-22)

Revelation 4:11

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

Revelation 5:11

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;"

Revelation 5:12

“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”

Revelation 5:13

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, …"

Revelation 5:13b

"… Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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The Heartbeat of Genuine Worship

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1. Rejoice always.

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: …”

James 1:2-3

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Know-ing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

Developing a habit of rejoicing …

A. Keep reminding yourself that joy is a mindset, not an emotion.

B. Focus on God and all that you have in Him.

C. Walk in the Spirit.

D. Sing!

God commands us to …

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2. Pray without ceasing.

Developing a habit of praying …

A. Keep reminding yourself that you can't go it alone—you need God!

B. Pray short prayers whenever something comes to mind.

C. Spend meaningful time in God's Word and in prayer every day.

God commands us to …

1. Rejoice always.
2. Pray without ceasing.
3. Give thanks in everything.

Developing a habit of thankfulness …

A. Cultivate a deeper understanding of God's sovereignty and goodness.

Genesis 50:20

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. "

Developing a habit of thankfulness …

A. Cultivate a deeper understanding of God's sovereignty and goodness.

B. Thankfulness, as a habit, flows from trusting God as a habit.

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This is God's will for you …

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