

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## BEING A COMPLETELY HOLY CHURCH

### 1 Thessalonians 5:19-28

**Main Thought:** In 1 Thessalonians 5:19-28, we learn some important lessons about being a completely holy church.

1. WE MUST NOT QUENCH THE \_\_\_\_\_ WORKING IN OUR MIDST. (v 19)
2. WE MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 20-22)
3. HOLINESS COMES FROM THE GOD OF \_\_\_\_\_ HIMSELF. (v 23)
4. HOLINESS \_\_\_\_\_ THE ENTIRE PERSON. (v 23)
5. HOLINESS SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE FACT THAT CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN. (v 23)
6. HOLINESS RELIES ON GOD'S CALLING & \_\_\_\_\_. (v 24)
7. HOLINESS GROWS IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 25-27)
8. HOLINESS GROWS WHEN WE EXPERIENCE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (v28)

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-28 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. How might a follower of Christ quench the Spirit? Think about the work of the Spirit described in these verses: Gal. 5:22-23; John 14:15-17; 1 Cor. 12:4-6.

8. What does it mean to treat prophecies with contempt? How are we to test them holding on to what is good and rejecting every kind of evil?

9. What is the content of Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica in verses 23-24?

10. How will his pray be accomplished in the lives of believers? What is the motivation to apply this prayer to our lives?

11. What is a "holy kiss"? (See also Rom 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12) Is this something we should practice today?

12. Why does Paul emphasize the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of his letter? What is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ?