

People of the Word and Grace

1 Thessalonians 5:27-28

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Main Idea: the Word of Christ and the Grace of Christ Are Central to the Life of the Church

1.) The Word of Christ (V. 27)

A.) This Command is Serious

B.) Paul's Letter was to be Read Publicly.

Luke 4:16, "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read."

Acts 13:27, "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him."

C.) The Purpose of This Letter is:

i.) To Provide Apostolic Authority

Matthew 13:52, "...Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new

ii.) To Promote Unity

iii.) To Provoke Change Through Correction, Instruction, and Encouragement.

2.) The Grace of Christ (V. 28)

A.) Secular Letters Ended With A Farewell Wish

B.) Paul Adapts it to Express a Prayer for What the Church Needed Most

C.) The Grace Benediction Flows From the Gospel

D.) It's Grace From Beginning to End