

OUR GOD HE IS ALIVE.

2/19/2023 AM

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text: **1 Thessalonians 1:9.**
- B. Regarding the text:
 - 1. This song proclaims the existence of God.
 - 2. A fact that is denied by many.
 - 3. **Jeremiah 10:11-12.**

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. CREATION.

- A. Framed the worlds with His great might (**Gen. 1:1-31; John 1:1-3; Psalm 8:3**).
- B. God formed things as He wanted them to be.
 - 1. Shaped (**Gen. 1:31; Jer. 32:17**) and Populated (**Gen. 1:27-28**).
 - 2. **Hebrews 11:3.**

II. COMMUNICATION.

- A. Who speaks from His inspired Word (**Hebrews 1:1-2**).
 - 1. The Prophets did God's bidding (**Exodus 34:27; Isaiah 30:8; Jeremiah 30:2**).
 - 2. The gospel is God breathed (**2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11**).
- B. This word is to be communicated (**2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 28:19-20**).

III. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

- A. Secure, is life from mortal mind,
 - 1. Man CANNOT create life. He can determine its chemical make-up. But he CANNOT create that spark of life.
 - 2. He CANNOT fully explain how we got here.
- B. God holds the germ within His hand!
 - 1. The "germ" is that spark that begins the process of life. A living thing that grows.
 - 2. God gives life (**1 Timothy 6:13**).
- C. Stop and give thought to our life cycle.
 - 1. How did I get here (**Genesis 2:7**)?
 - 2. Why am I here (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**)?
 - 3. Where am I going (**Matthew 25:46**)?

IV. BY HIS WILL HE SET US FREE FROM SIN.

- A. Our God, whose Son upon a tree, A life was willing there to give.
- B. Why? That He from sin might set man free.
- C. Everyone needs this kind of freedom.
 - 1. **Romans 3:23.**
 - 2. **Isaiah 59:2.**
 - 3. **Romans 6:17.**
 - 4. **2 Corinthians 5:21.**
 - 5. **Galatians 1:4.**
 - 6. **Titus 2:14.**
 - 7. **Galatians 5:1, 2:20.**

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. We serve a God who is alive.
- B. Our hope of eternal life is in the power of a living Savior. (That He from sin might set man free, and evermore with Him could live.)

THE CHRISTIAN'S PRACTICE.

2/29/2023 PM

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text: Galatians 2:11-20.**
- B. Galatians 5:7 - To run well, we must practice a certain authorized standard.**
 - 1. Practiced by individuals, in our daily conduct.
 - 2. Practiced as a congregation, in our collective responsibilities.
- C. To run well, we need to observe certain aspects of our practice indicated by our text.**

DISCUSSION: OUR PRACTICE MUST BE...

I. UPRIGHT AND HONEST (VSS. 12-13).

- A. Peter and others were hypocritical.**
 - 1. Dissimulation: "the acting of a stage player," "concealed their true sentiments."
 - 2. Behaved differently toward Gentiles before Jews came from Jerusalem.
 - 3. The actions depended on who was present, rather than what was right.
- B. Jesus used sharp words for hypocrites (Matthew 23).**
 - 1. Matt. 23:27.
 - 2. Matt. 15:7 (Quote from Isaiah 29:13).
- C. Our practice should be "what you see is what you get."**
 - 1. By that I mean the Christian should be a Christian in every situation.
 - 1) Stephen: Acts 7.
 - 2) Paul: Acts 20:24; 2 Tim. 4:6.
 - 2. Not one person in one setting and another in another.

II. ACCORDING TO THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL (VS. 14).

- A. The gospel requires a certain "walk," a certain way of life.**
 - 1. One that is straightforward, that leaves no doubt where one stands.
 - 2. One that demonstrates respect of the gospel in word and deed (Col. 3:17).
- B. The truth of the gospel rather than the "works of the law" (1 John 1:7).**
 - 1. Christians are not under the law of Moses (Gal. 3:24-25; Gal. 5:5; Col. 2:14).
 - 2. However, Christians are under a law (1 Corinthians 9:21; Romans 3:27; 8:2; Galatians 6:2; James 1:25; 2:12; 1 John 3:4).
 - 3. We are to walk in the gospel light (2 Eph. 5:8).

III. THE DEMONSTRATION OF CHRIST IN US (VS. 20).

- A. By crucifying ourselves, so that our lives are no longer ours but his.**
 - 1. Paul preached not himself, but Christ (2 Corinthians 4:5).
 - 2. Disciples must deny themselves (Matthew 16:24; Luke 14:33).
- B. By letting Christ live in us.**
 - 1. By living "by the faith of the Son of God."
 - 2. By abiding in the word of Christ (John 15:7).
- C. "Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me..."**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. To run well, we must live genuinely, according to truth, and demonstrate Christ to the world.**
- B. Begin now practicing the truth of the gospel by obeying it to be saved.**