



Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for what He has done to provide our salvation and because He will one day make all things right.

Week 33: March 23, 2025

Bible Story Point: Christians have a special purpose to spread the Good News of Jesus and to live in a way that honors Him.

Key Passage: Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

We are here to make much of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4-5)

First Thessalonians 4–5 serves as an encouraging, insightful, and convicting portion of the letters penned by Paul. As evidenced by the compassionate, heartfelt words he shared, the apostle loved his brothers and sisters who belonged to the church in Thessalonica. Because of the deep affection he held toward them, he exhorted them to lean into the special, set-apart lives Christ had called them to as His followers.

What does Paul say is the will of God for his brothers and sisters in Christ—both in the year A.D. 50 as well as in the modern-day church? How are we to accomplish this will according to today’s passage?

We often wonder what God’s will for our lives may be. Yet we see throughout the pages of Scripture: His will is our sanctification—in sexual morality, self-control, holiness, and honor ... on account of the knowledge of our God (1 Thess. 4:3-5). Paul writes in the next chapter that His will for us is that we would likewise continually rejoice, pray, and give thanks for all He has done (1 Thess. 5:16-18). He calls for a “whole-person” holiness in all parts of our lives: spirit, soul, and body, which only comes through placing our trust in Jesus—which means trusting in what He says is best for our lives.

For the church of Thessalonica to pursue God’s will for their lives would be entirely impossible if not for the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They had to trust in the Lord to help them obey, believing in Christ’s perfect life and sacrifice as the basis of their faith.

As you take steps raise your child in a Biblical Worldview, consider the ways you’ve been faithfully following Jesus. Be encouraged by all that He has done in your life to help you look more like Jesus through the power of His Spirit. Help kids see that they, too, can trust God’s character and goodness, which means that we can believe that His will for our lives—this call to sanctification—is good.

- How should we walk (live our life)? To please God
- What is God’s will for you? Your sanctification—to strive to be pure in thoughts and the way you live.
- What does “Children of Light” mean? To be light like Jesus, to be a representative of Jesus.
- How are we to live in our community? Live in peace, help the weak, and encourage others.
- How does your daily lifestyle point others to Jesus?
- What must change to help people see Jesus in you?
- Who needs to see Jesus in you this week? What will you say?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you see how you can be used by Him where ever you go!

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for March 26

Cubbies: Bear Hug 22 1 John 4:14 "...the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world."

Sparks:

Hang Gliders, Green Jewel 3:4 – John 3:15, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

Wing Runners, Green Jewel 3:4 – The whole Old Testament – (Genesis – Malachi)

Sky Stormer – Red Jewel 4:1 – 1 Thessalonians 4:16, for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an Archangel, with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

T & T's: – 4.2 Grace and Law

Galatians 3:11, Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "the righteous shall live by faith."

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, March 30

Jesus is Worthy of Worship (Revelation 4-5)

- Who was being shown a vision about God's Throne in Heaven? John
- How many thrones surrounded God's Throne? 24
- What were the 24 elders wearing? White Garments and Golden Crowns
- How many creatures surrounded the throne? 4
- What did the 4 living creatures look like? 1st—Lion; 2nd-Ox; 3rd-had face of man; 4th-Eagle flying
- What were they saying? Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty

Upcoming Activities:

March 23	Please Donate Candy & Plastic Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt
March 24	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
March 25	Ladies Night Out at Riverbend 6 to 8pm, leave the church at 5pm
March 27	Pickleball and Walking Thursday Nights 6—8
March 30	Sunday Funday, 9AM in Gym
April 5	Young Adult Game Night with Childcare at the church 5 to 9pm
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt 10AM @ Acton Place Park
April 13	Palm Sunday—Kids March through both services in Biblical Costumes
April 17	Wee School Spring Sing 6PM
April 18	The Seder Celebration 6PM
April 20	Easter

