The Nazarene King The Royal Branch Matthew 2:23



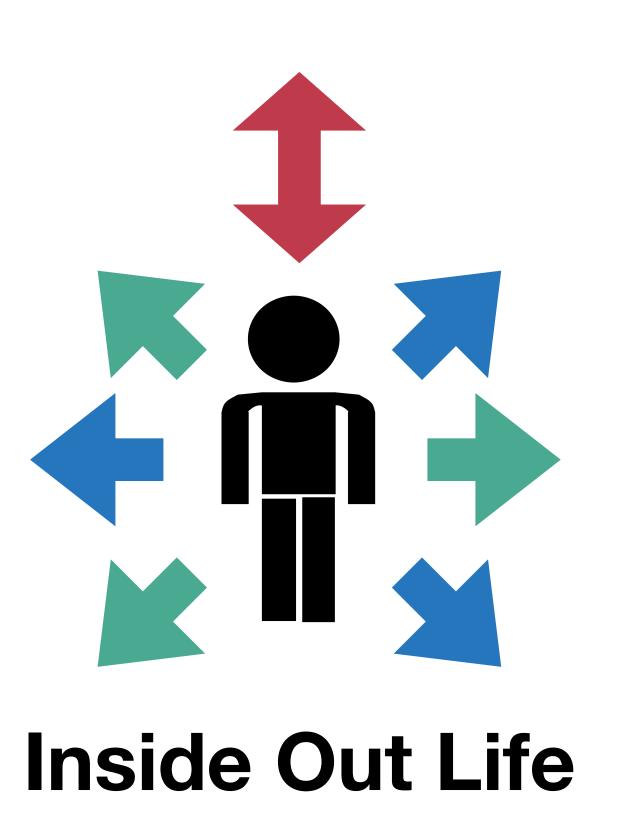
"This Little Child"

Jesus Christ, our only hope Was born the King that day

Give Thanks







Admonish Encourage Help **Be Patient** Rejoice Pray **Give Thanks Hold Fast**

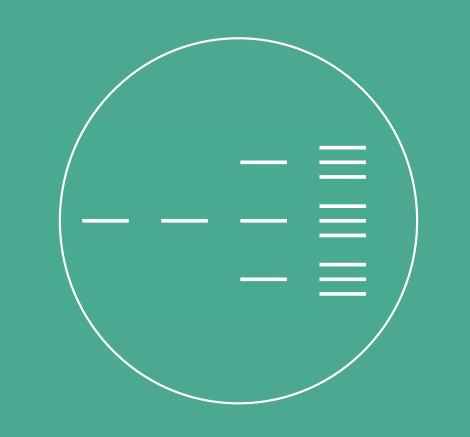
All The Brethren 1 Thes. 5:23-28



Hope & The Coming King

Encourage and Build Up

Give Thanks



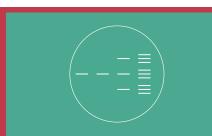
All the Brethren

The Faithfulness of the God of Peace (and Grace)

Fellowship

The Teachings of the Apostles

Give Thanks



1 Thessalonians 5:12 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, & have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that **no** one repays another with **evil for evil**, but **always** seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

Give Thanks



1 Thessalonians 5:16 **Rejoice** always; 17 **pray** without ceasing; 18 in everything **give thanks**; for this is **God's will** for you **in Christ Jesus**. 19 Do not quench **the Spirit**; 20 do not despise **prophetic** utterances. 21 But **examine** everything carefully; **hold fast to that which is good**; 22 **abstain from every form of evil**.



- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the **God of peace** Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be **preserved complete**, without blame at the coming of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.
- Peace: Outcome of God's saving activity-restored relationship
- Sanctification is God's continued activity in our lives as we surrender, abide & worship Him pursuing holiness.
- James 1:4 endurance...mature/complete...lacking nothing
- The focus is on the faithfulness of King Jesus and the call to follow Him. (Conviction-Clarity-Focus-Progress)

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace.

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord be with you.

Philippians 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the **God of peace** will be with you.

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**.



- 1 Thessalonians 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.
- 26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. 27 I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren.
- 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- The church is made up of "all the brethren." (Believers, Saints)
- Paul asks for prayer to be reciprocated (3:11-13 & 5:23-24).
- Brethren plus a holy kiss is a sign of family, unity & affection.
- Reading this letter to all points to congregational teaching.
- Grace is Jesus' redeeming activity as crucified, risen King.



Justification

Sanctification

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Initial Surrender

God's

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As

Christ

Exemplified

Surrendering

"Our lives should look like the very Gospel that changes us."

Jonathan Kyle

Gospel Living:
Applying the
Gospel to Life
Until It Becomes
A Lifestyle.



Gathering:

I give myself to others in relationship as Christ's body.

Equipping:

I make disciples with the life God has given me.

Loving:

I serve, care for and encourage my brothers & sisters in Christ.