

The Pattern Believer

Introduction

- A. One facet of witnessing is to live as a good example – a pattern believer.
- B. Christianity has been designed by God to work in a practical manner. The evidence of true belief is found in our daily life* In the Bible there is no separation of faith (belief) and works (practice).

The Scripture

1. Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Grace be unto unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.

3. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4. IN Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirits

7. So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10. And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Teaching

Observation

The Believer's
Character

Its inward source
and outward expression

The Believer's
Election

The evidence is found
in Vs 3 and 5.

The Believer's
Decision

To follow is to
imitate by choice.

The Believer's
Example

We are to live so our
lives illustrate the
Bible, V8.

In conversion, V9.

In service, V9.

In waiting, V10.

The Believer's
Hope

Death does not end all.
For the believe the
best is future.

The Believer's
Assurance

The deliverance from
judgment is a present
reality.

Conclusion

- A. God expects all of His children to be a good pattern for other believers as well as non-believers. John 15:26,27
- B. These believers at Thessalonica became such good examples because they chose to obey God through the practice of His Word, Vs 5,6.

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