

Hold Onto What is Good

1 Thessalonians 5:11-24

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. 12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you^[a] in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to regard them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we exhort you, brothers and sisters: warn those who are idle,^[b] comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray constantly, 18 give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Don't stifle the Spirit. 20 Don't despise prophecies, 21 but test all things. Hold on to what is good. 22 Stay away from every kind of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will do it.

A. Getting Started

Christ died for us so that we might live with Him.

You must live in Him to "hold onto what is good."

What does "holding on" look like?

B. Holding Fast (vs. 11-22)

- Encourage one another v.11
- Build one another up v.11
- Keep doing good v.11
- Respect the laborers v.12
- Lift up those in the harvest v.13
- Show love v.13
- Be at peace v. 13
- Encourage the idle v.14
- Help the weak v.14
- Be patient with everyone v.14

- Don't repay evil v.15
- Seek good for everyone v.15
- Keep rejoicing v.16
- Pray always v.17
- Give thanks always v.18
- Walk in the Spirit v.19
- Receive truth v.20
- Test all things v.21
- Avoid evil v.22

C. Receive God's Promises (vs. 23-24)

- Peace v.23
- Sanctification v.23
- Wholeness v.23
- Blamelessness v.23
- Calling v.23
- Faithfulness v.24
- Certainty v.24