
Words of Truth

I Thessalonians 5:24

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“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it” (I Thessalonians 5:24). The point of this verse is simple. The point is that God is trustworthy. With the saints being told that they were expected to be blameless in mind, body, and soul (I Thessalonians 5:23); it is great that they are reassured of God’s faithfulness. Living right for Jesus Christ will not result in nothing. The promises of God can be trusted. He will do what He says He will do. Truly knowing that emboldens the children of God (Hebrews 10:23).

One Psalmist wrote: *“They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever”* (Psalms 125:1). Jeremiah said: *“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit”* (Jeremiah 17:7-8). If you are a student of the word of God you know that those under the Law of Moses trusted in God for physical things (i.e. Psalms 25:2). In Christ, we do not look to God for physical protection from our enemies. In fact, Christians know that physical persecution and harm are more likely than not (Matthew 5:10-12, Luke 6:22-23, and I Peter 3:14). The faithfulness of God being trusted in, that we are studying about, is related to the return of Christ (I Thessalonians 3:13).

From the second letter to the saints in Thessalonica we learn that they were facing persecution (II Thessalonians 1:3-4). Their rest was dependent upon their looking forward to the return of Christ (II Thessalonians 1:5-10). Whether them or us, Christians are saved by hope (Romans 8:24-25). We have that hope because we can trust God’s promises. The writer of the Hebrew epistle stated: *“That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec”* (Hebrews 6:18-20).

We should consider the significance of reassurance. Without the full revelation of God, these Christians were vulnerable. Think about how lonely it could feel with your teachers being in other places while you suffer in the flesh. The same was true of other saints in other congregations. Reassurance was needed. We even benefit from what was written to them.

Think of this text: *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 8:28-39).

God will do what He has promised. Throughout the Scriptures we find: *“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good... Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations... God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord... Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began”* (Numbers 23:19, Deuteronomy 7:9, I Corinthians 1:9, and Titus 1:1-2).

The calling they had from God was through the Gospel of Christ (II Thessalonians 2:13-14). What we see in Christ confirms the fulfillment of the promises made to the fathers (Acts 3:18 and Romans 15:8). When you read through the entirety of the word of God you see that God kept His promises time and time again. Even when man made it difficult, God came through to fulfill His word (Psalms 105:1-45). Knowing that God keeps His word helps us in knowing that our living right before Him is not a useless endeavor (II Corinthians 7:1).

We live in a world of uncertainty. People often look to man for help and end up disappointed. This is no surprise (Psalms 146:3). Sometimes we find people that seem really nice. They seem good to be around. Then you get surprised to find out that they were saying nice things, but deception was in their heart (Proverbs 26:22-28). Sometimes those closest to us are the ones that we have to be the most aware of (Jeremiah 9:1-6, Micah 7:5-6, and Matthew 10:36). Let not your heart be troubled. You can trust in God. Jesus will return and the faithful will have eternal life (I John 5:20).