

God Loves the Church

I THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

I. Since God loves the church, we must respect its leadership (vv. 12-13).

A. God expects us to be responsive to our leadership (v. 12).

B. God expects us to be loving toward our leadership (v. 13).

II. Since God loves the church, we must be involved in its ministry (vv. 14-15).

A. God expects us to be involved in ministering to the lives of others (v. 14).

B. God expects us to be an example of unity to all men (v. 15).

III. Since God loves the church, we must be examples of holiness (vv. 16-24).

A. We are to be examples of holiness in our personal lives (vv. 16-18).

B. We are to be examples of holiness in our corporate lives (vv. 19-22).

C. If we are going to be examples of holiness, we need God's help (vv. 23-24).

IV. Since God loves the church, we pray for its advancement (vv. 25-28).

A. We pray for the spiritual health of others (vv. 25-26).

B. We pray for God's grace to abound (vv. 27-28).

Conclusion:

Do you love the church?