

JESUS IS COMING SOON... NOW WHAT?

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

May 10, 2026

Jesus is coming soon... now what?

1) Understand the truth about _____ and _____.

- You can't have peace without grace.
- Grace brings us peace with God.
- If we truly understand grace, we will have peace with each other.
- Those who are gracious and peaceful will receive grace and peace.

2) Focus on the _____ in other people and make it a habit to _____
_____ for the good things in the lives of those we know and hear about.

- Philippians 4:8, Train your mind to look for the good.
- Instead of dwelling on flaws, focus on what is commendable.
- Paul has made a life changing decision, he will acknowledge issues, deal with problems, but still choose gratitude for what God is doing in the lives of people.
- Speak in a way that strengthens people – not tears them down.

How will we spend our time – Staring at the weeds in people's lives, or watering what God is growing?

3) Constantly _____ God! For His _____ and His _____.

- God loves me! Psalm 136:1, 103:1-5, Lamentations 3:22-23
- God calls me! 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 8:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- What a powerful truth! God's love and His calling work together, Ephesians 1:3-6, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 3:1

4) Understand that we are _____, be an _____
for others to follow.

- Our lives should ring out, "Don't just do what I say, do what I do."

5) Be known as people who are _____ for and _____
about the return of Christ!

- Do we need a Revelation study?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 – May 10, 2026, Study Notes

A Key thought from Sunday's Message was how much time do we spend staring at the weeds in the lives of others, vs. watering what God is growing.

Paul gives us an incredible perspective – Focus on the Good! See 1 Thes. 1:2-3

- Paul is writing to a young, imperfect church, (None is perfect.)
- His first reaction is to THANK GOD FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT. And he notices 3 amazing things about this church.
 - Their faith (what they believed).
 - Their love (how they served).
 - Their hope (how they endured).

What we look for in people is usually what we find.

*******Practice this week focused on people in your life, and not being critical of the bad, but instead thank God for the good in their lives. *******

Stop looking for weeds. - There is a great danger in focusing on the weeds. Jesus warned us about this mindset. See Matthew 7:3-5, 13:1-43.

- Notice that the weeds and the wheat grow together.
- The servants wanted to pull the weeds, the master said, wait.
- One of the great miracles of God is He turns weeds into wheat. An obsession with faults can harm the very thing God is about to do.
- It is easy to pull the wheat up, or to damage the wheat, when you try to pull the weeds. God will pull the weeds. God will sort it all out in the end.

Change our minds and hearts, focus on the things we can do.

- 1) **Trust God to do what only God can do.** – See 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, we can plant, we can water, but God is the only one who can give the increase. Our role is not to “fix” everyone, our role is to plant seeds of truth, water with encouragement and trust God for the growth.
- 2) **Choose to See the Good in others** – See Philippians 4:8, change the way we think about people, every believer has evidence of the Work of God in their life. See Ephesians 4:29.
- 3) **Look for practical ways to “Water” people** – Pray for them, encourage what is right instead of always highlighting what is wrong, speak life-giving words. Be patient as people grow, Thank God for what you see.