

# Sunday, March 22, 2026

## 1 Thessalonians: Blest be the Tie that Binds 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

**Scripture passage: *Philippians 4:10-23***

**1. We see the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ that should exist among believers and churches.**

*"Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. <sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. <sup>17</sup> But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"*

1 John 3:13-17

**2. We see the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual war raging around us.**

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"*

Ephesians 6:10-18

**3. We see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the return of the Lord Jesus.**

**4. We see an \_\_\_\_\_ of how we should invest our lives.**

**Living out the Word we have studied:**

- Let the Word correct our understanding of church, invest our lives in service to Christ, and in our brothers' and sisters' spiritual health.
- Ask the Lord to forgive us for being selfish and to increase our affections for each other.
- Battle for victory, understanding that we have an adversary.
- Take the long view – the Lord Jesus is coming back, live ready.