

Thanksgiving

That the Rest of Mankind May Seek the Lord (1:1-5)

Reason for Thanks: They were not “word-only” Christians, God chose them
The Gospel is not “Word-Only”

Yes Outlet (1:6-10)

Imitate: Following a Good Example
Model: Being a Good Example
How Normal Folk Expand the Kingdom: Faith

The Christian Walk

A Successful Mission (2:1-2)

Successfully Speaking God’s Truth: Boldness
How Can I Have This Kind of Success? Humble boldness before God

I Can’t Use That – It’s Icky (2:3-4)

God Has Entrusted Us with Something Pure to Say
God is Purifying Us to Say It
God is Pleased When We Purely Say It

Humility Matters (2:5-6)

Worldly Matters: Flattery, greed, glory, weight
Humility Matters
Humility Chooses Only What Matters

It’s the Second Best Thing I Could Do for Ya (2:7)

Why Do Any Ministry? To keep warm
The Second Greatest Thing We Can Do: Love one another

You Wanna Piece of Me? (2:8-9)

Simple Sharing
Sharing at Personal Cost
Sharing My Soul

Witlessly Witnessed (2:10-11)

We Influence by Example: Devotedness, righteousness, blamelessness
We Influence by Our Words: Exhorting, encouraging, imploring
We Influence How Others Walk (whether we like it or not!)

Let’s Go for a Walk (2:12)

Why Do We Need to be Called?
What is Our Call Like?
What are We Called To?
How Should We Respond?
Our Purpose Comes from Our Call

Responding

Who Said That? (2:13)

Receiving God’s Word: Taking it for what it really is (a blowtorch!)
Receiving God’s Word: Taking it along (instead of leaving it on the bookshelf)
Receiving God’s Word: Taking hold of it

Join In: You Are Allowed Exactly One Membership Card (2:14-16)

Imitation Also Includes Rejection
Living Where You’re Not Completely Welcome
But, It’s not About You (it’s about God and His Gospel)

Maturity

Crown Him with Many One Anothers (2:17-20)

Paul’s Purpose: Bring them to maturity
Satan’s Efforts: Don’t allow them to connect for the purpose of maturing
Jesus’ Celebrations: He will toast how you’ve helped others grow

Stains and Saints (3:1-10)

Saints with Stains
The Same Refrain: Parakaleo (stains tell us where to encourage one another)

Now Arriving... (3:11-13)

Paul’s Prayer: That they would superabound in love for one another
Why Pray This Way? A heart anchored *in* Christ is a gift fit *for* Christ

Pressing On

Under Same Old Management (4:1-2)

We Already Know: The problem is not the knowing but the doing
The Normal Christian Life
What’s New in the Christian Life? Building momentum in the same old direction

Set Apart ... Waaaayyy Apart (4:3-6)

God’s Will for Your Life: Sanctification
Put a Lot of Distance Between You and Immorality
Know How, Unlike Those Who Don’t Know Who

“Why did You call?” (4:7-8)

Sanctification is Part of the Bundle: God calls us to a purpose and a destination
The Holy Spirit is Part of the Bundle
Trying to Unbundle is to Set Aside God

The Phillies are Coming to DBC (4:9-10)

Loving Your Brother
Being Taught by God: Because it’s beyond the kind of love we can teach ourselves

There Goes the Neighborhood (4:11-12)

Refuse to Assimilate
Mind Our Own Business
Make it Your Ambition to Lead the Quiet Life

Anticipation

Warm and Fuzzy Theology (4:13-18)

A Larger-than-Death Kind of Comfort

The Biggest “if” in the Universe: If you are in Christ...

Everything Orbits Around Christ

The Warm-Fuzzy Comforter: Truth (theology)

Everything You Need to Know about the Timing of Jesus’ Return (5:1-11)

Everything You Need to Know...: Focus on the *now* more than the *then*

Positional Truth: Sons of the day and sons of the night

Why Should the Sons of the Day Live Like the Sons of the Night?

Walking Together

Respect for Household Servants (5:12-13a)

Who Are the Undershepherds?

How Should the Flock Respond to the Undershepherds?

Why Should the Flock Respond this Way?

How Should the Undershepherds Respond to the Flock?

Bee’s Wax (5:13b-15)

God Deals with Us where We Are: Don’t wanna, don’t feel like it, can’t

We Need Goodness:

Always Seek the Good for Everyone

In the Will of God 24/7 (5:16-18)

The 24/7 In-Christ Personality

The 24/7 In-Christ Will of God

Word, Wind, & Fire (5:19)

The Holy Spirit is Like a Fire, and So is His Work

Quenching the Spirit: Putting up “firewalls”

Being “Spiritual”

Mystical Genius (5:20-21)

God Speaks to Us Presently

God Wants Us to be Both Spiritual and Intelligent

Respond to What the Spirit is Saying

Tagged (5:22)

God is Holy, and So is His Stuff

Be Holy, for I am Holy

Evil Vandalizes: The temple, our spirituality, and our relationship with Christ

Be Serious About the Obvious

Benediction

Benediction (5:23-28)