

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2026

### Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church Welcome & Prayer

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth & the mountain peaks belong to him. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it & his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Let's Pray. Sovereign Lord, what a great privilege it is to come into your presence this morning. To be able to sing to the rock of our salvation. To be able to come before you in thanksgiving and to praise you with music and song. To be able to humble ourselves in worship, to pray to our maker & to place ourselves under your sovereign care.

We admit that we don't come to you often enough, and we don't thank you enough, nor are we humble enough, dependent enough, passionate enough. Please forgive us. Forgive us because for everything we have done wrong, whether we have done or said or acted in the wrong way or failed to do, say or act in the right way, that wrongdoing meant that your Son Jesus had to die on the cross to forgive us that sin. So we thank you for Jesus. May he become more and more real to us today as we sing, listen, pray, reflect and commit this time to you now. And we ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

### Song – King of Kings <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSnGYGr7sPg>

1. In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

3. And the morning that You rose  
All of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored
4. And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

## Bible Reading – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NIV)

*As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.*

## Announcements

**Focus for the month:** Mission /Evangelism. For the kingdom of God to grow the word of God needs to go out. And that means that we all have a part to play. So, throughout August we will be thinking about mission and how we can support the work of our missionaries throughout the world AND we will be thinking about evangelism, how we can share the good news with friends, family and colleagues in our part of the world. The task is so great, we all need to play our part. What part is God calling you to play?

**Invitation Service.** One thing we could do is to invite our friends to join us at Church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. We will be running 'Bring a Friend' services at all of our services. Who can you be praying to come along?

**Discover.** Another option is to invite your friend (and come yourself) to our DISCOVER course. Five Thursday nights from 27<sup>th</sup> August @ the Church starting from 7pm. For more details speak to Jannah.

**Taste & See.** And for our youth they have started a High Schoolers Dinner Party for another three Friday nights where they can invite their friends for a taster of life with Jesus. Please pray for all our outreach events in August.

### Next preaching programme – Swansea/Charlestown AM. Light for the Lost

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| 9/8  | God acts        | Ezekiel 37       |
| 16/8 | Christ sends    |                  |
| 23/8 | Believers speak | Colossians 4:2-6 |
| 30/8 | Come home       | Luke 15          |

**A Taste of Africa** –Sat 15 August at 6.30pm at church. \$20 adults, \$10 kids under 12 yrs and kids under 3 yrs. Tickets are limited & can only be purchased through Liz Hyslop 0481 704006.

### Future Conferences

- **RECHARGE.** Recharge Men's Conference | Saturday 12th September 7:30am-1:00pm Theme – Futureproof Men: Living now with the end in mind. Speaker – Steve McAlpine. Early bird \$40 and under-25 \$20. For details see Greg W or visit <https://www.hgm.org.au/recharge>
- **Women's Conference | Saturday 19th September** (if room) 9:00am - 1:00pm Presbyterian Women are holding a conference at Epping Presbyterian on Meeting Jesus. More info <https://ttw.pcnswwomen.org.au> Our church will also play the recorded talks Saturday 17th October 9:00-1:00pm. See our Women's Ministry Committee members for more details.

**Surplus doors available for free.** The CoM is disposing of surplus doors from our building project. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The sizes are approximate. They are being offered as is. You will need to provide your own transport when taking delivery. Viewing and pick up by mutual agreement with the contact person Doug Smiley, either by SMS 0419491981 or email [raycliff2024@gmail.com](mailto:raycliff2024@gmail.com)

## Song – Fight the good fight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YppcFC8mxKM>

1. Fight the good fight with all your might.  
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek Christ's face.

Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside; lean on your guide.  
God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and your trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.  
God changes not, and you are dear.  
Only believe, and you shall see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

## Pastoral Prayer Points

**For those who are hurting in our Church.** Heavenly Father, draw near to all in our church who are hurting through sickness, loneliness, conflict, disappointment, or the consequences of their own choices or the choices of others; surround them with your comfort, wisdom, and unfailing love. Please strengthen their faith, bring healing where it is your will, restore broken relationships, and help us as a church family to bear one another's burdens and point each other to the hope we have in Christ.

**Pray for Cuba. (Population 11 million. Christians 7 million)..** Communism has ruled Cuba since 1959; the pressure on believers remains firm. Pray for church leaders who are monitored by the Cuban government. Ask God to give them wisdom and courage to share their faith. Like all Cubans, believers face significant humanitarian needs. Ask God to provide for the Cuban people and meet their urgent needs. Bibles in Cuba can be difficult to come by and quite expensive. Ask that believers needing Bibles have access to them.

**Pray for Catherine Read (NCS).** Give thanks to God for the student mission team that served in Lakemba and the many opportunities we had to share the Gospel there. Please pray that students from the team will be emboldened to apply the skills learnt on mission to proclaim the gospel at Uni. Please pray for WinterCon (3rd-7th Aug) for health and safety throughout the week, and ultimately that we will all grow in our love for God as we study who He is in Trinity. Please pray that the plans for mission month in Aug/Sept will come together and many students at Newcastle Uni will hear the gospel, believe, and trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

**Pray for Australian.** Turn the hearts of the people of Australia to the Lord, granting repentance, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a renewed love for His Word. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, revive the church to proclaim the gospel with boldness, holiness, and compassion. May God's kingdom advance throughout our nation and may God's name be glorified in every community.

## Bible Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

*6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. 14 Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer. 16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 17 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

## Sermon: Standing firm: As we wait (Stephen T)

In 2019, Cyclone Idai devastated parts of Mozambique. One woman, Amélia António, escaped rising floodwaters by climbing into a mango tree with her young son. While stranded there, she went into labour and gave birth to a baby girl. Imagine that moment. She had to hold on for dear life, but she also had work to do. And she had a responsibility to look after another. Waiting for rescue didn't mean doing nothing.

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That's exactly the issue Paul addresses in 2 Thessalonians 3. Christians are waiting for something far greater than a rescue from a flood. We are waiting for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. But waiting doesn't mean sitting around doing nothing. As we wait, we pray. As we wait, we love. As we wait, we work. As we wait, we are disciplined. As we wait, we receive God's peace & grace. The Christian life is not passive waiting. It is active faithfulness while we wait for the King to return & that sort of faithfulness begins with prayer

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### 1. Prayer in Vital (verses 1-3)

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, **pray for us.**"* Now the word 'finally' tells us Paul is winding down in this letter. He's on the home stretch. It's always nice to hear a preacher say 'finally' in his sermon, isn't it?!

*"**Pray for us** that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful & he will strengthen you & protect you from the evil one."*

Pray for progress for the gospel. Now that sort of prayer may not be the sort of thing you normally pray for but I want to say it is the sort of thing **we all** should be praying for. Not just for the weather, not just healing for our bodies and bones, but that God's message of grace, of mercy, of forgiveness would spread across our community like wildfire. That before the end comes, that God would ensure that more people hear & respond to the gospel truth.

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Like a YouTube clip going viral reaching more and more people in a quick period of time, so our prayer is that more and more people would hear about the saving work of Jesus. Like an Olympic torch relay where the flame is passed from one to another, our prayer is that the light of God's word would pass from us to others and then onto even more people. But to do that Paul prays not just for **progress** but for **protection**.

For not only are there wicked and evil men wanting to stop the spread of the gospel but behind them stands the evil forces of the Evil One. There is a spiritual battle going on here and prayer is one way in which God protects his people. And strengthens them as well. God's will and our wills are perfectly aligned when we pray for success for the gospel and safety for its messengers. For progress, protection and **perseverance**.

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*4" We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and **Christ's perseverance.**"* Paul is praying for the Church to persevere in God's love. To stand firm as they wait. To keep running for the Lord, no matter what.

Now those sorts of prayers need to be a priority for us as a Church but also for us personally. If Jesus is returning soon, all people need to have a chance to respond to God's grace before he comes. So, as we pray for that, and for protection for those who are sharing that message then it will also remind us of the need for more workers to do just that. More missionaries. More ministers. More SRE teachers. More youth leaders. More kids' workers. That will arm themselves with the message of the Lord and seek to share it with those around them.

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Friends, prayer is vital. I know that it is difficult to get people out for weekly prayer meetings. I know that many of our number feel embarrassed to pray out loud. But friends we have to find a way where you & I

grow in our prayers, commit more & more of our time to God in our prayer times & make sure we don't depend upon ourselves as much as trust in an all-powerful God. God is about to bring the end of the world; so, we need to be imploring God to let the fire of the gospel spread to as many people as possible before it is too late.

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## 2. Prayer is vital and love is commanded (verses 4-5)

4 *"We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we **command**.*  
5 *May the Lord **direct your hearts into God's love** and Christ's perseverance. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we **command you**..."*

It's a strange thing to hear Paul commanding people to love. We are not to pray, we are not to wait, we are not to share God's word with others, **out of guilt but love**. When believers are filled with God's love, they want to do what Paul is commanding the Thessalonians to do. When we remember God's amazing love for us it makes us want to run wherever he calls us to run. Duty isn't drudgery. Service isn't soul destroying. Love motivates all that we do & say.

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## 3. Prayer is vital, love is commanded, and Work is godly (verses 6-13)

6 *"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us."*

Paul now addresses a major problem within the Church. One that had been brewing for a while and that he addressed earlier in his first letter to Thessalonians. Some people had stopped working. Perhaps they believed Jesus was returning soon so they didn't need to work. Maybe they had become dependent upon the kindness of their fellow Christians. But whatever the reason, the situation is so bad that Paul uses his leadership **authority**.

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But at the same time, his words match his actions. 7 *"For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, **we worked night & day**, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate."*

Paul points to himself and his fellow workers. It wasn't like they **had to work**. As a teacher of God's word, they had every right to receive support. Instead Paul and his fellow workers **chose to work and to work hard** so they could model godly living. Just as the disciples were fishermen, Jesus was a carpenter, Paul himself was a tent maker. For work is not a bad thing to do. In fact, Adam and Eve were given work to do before the fall.

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And that leads to Paul's central principle. 10 *"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'" If you work hard, in normal circumstances you will be able to provide well for those who are dependent upon you. For work is important. So do your job faithfully, thoughtfully, diligently, patiently with a view to providing for others. Do it when no one else sees you do it. Do it not for the approval of your superiors or the praise of your peers. **Do it for the glory of God**. Do it so you can share with those in need. Do it because that's how Jesus lived and that's how He's called you to live too.*

Now we need to be clear. Paul is not talking about people who would like to work but can't, that's completely different. And it's not about people who because of age are not working. That's different too. No, this is about laziness. As Christians we have no time to be idle for there is just so much to be done. God has placed us on this earth at a critical time. Any moment, the world may end. And as we live in this time

of waiting, not only is there a world to be won, but there are mouths to feed, character to develop, work to be done, people to be loved.

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And for most of us, that will involve some sort of job. Now working in a job is not a bad thing. For God wants to do something in our world. God is working if you like, and as his representatives, he is calling us to be utterly committed to his work in his world. So, he is doing something in our local school, in our local businesses, in our local shops, in our local homes. And he wants you and me to play our part in this incredible cause.

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So, whether you are a teacher, a baker, a candlestick maker, it doesn't matter. We are earning the money we need for our family to live and as we do that, we are attempting to be salt and light to the people around us. It was Martin Luther who once wrote, *"The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays – not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps, but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship."*

God wants us to be good workers. It is not that the best Christians work just for the Lord and the second best do other jobs. No, we all are working for the Lord. We are all full-time followers of Jesus. I happen to also work for you as your representative here in this Church but that doesn't make my work any more important than yours, because God wants us all to be good workers.

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But if you can't get a job or if you are retired or you are a full-time mother at home, don't feel like you are a second-class citizen. For paid work is not the be all and end all. For God may have a different type of work for you to do. To help raise the next generation of Christians as good Australian citizens. To take an interest in your neighbours through your kindness or hospitality. To visit someone who is sick, to pray for those who are lost, to clean the Church, to help with some general maintenance, to sew and make clothes for those overseas. Whatever we do is important and so it is important that we are not lazy or idle. It is important that each day we ask God, what would you like me to do for you today?

A few weeks ago, I went to the funeral of John Rolland, Suzie Chesterfield's father. He worked for the Australian Atomic Energy Commission for decades, while at the same time helped raise a family and was active in his local Church. When he retired at age 60, he worked for another 24 years for the Church & the denomination. Everyone of us has work to do and because the time is short, we need to be doing that work where God is directing that work to be done.

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Because if we don't work, we come across a potential problem. 11 *"We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies."* If we don't have anything productive to do for the Lord, we can have more time on our hands to see the faults in others, to poke our heads into other people's business, to gossip and to talk about other people behind their backs. We all know people like these and friends there should be no one like that in the Church. Because anyone who acts like that is actually stopping the Lord's work rather than supporting the Lord's work.

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So finally, Paul gives us his solution. 12 *"Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."* In that way we will get the balance right within the Church. Those who are in need will be helped by those who have the capacity to give. But we won't burn out those willing workers because having been encouraged by the generosity of God's people we now want to work hard and be generous to others.

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I wonder if you have got the balance right? When you are in need are you open to others helping you or does your pride stop you? And when you are not in need are you looking to share your excess or your gifts

and abilities to others. So that the word of God might spread rapidly and God's name might be honoured both near and far? Paul continues...

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#### 4. Work is godly & Discipline is necessary (verses 14-15)

14 *"Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer."*

These verses contain some of the most important teaching in the Bible on the subject of Church discipline. How should the local Christian community handle a situation in which someone is guilty of serious misbehaviour? Do we ignore it and hope that it goes away? Do we move them on somewhere else and hope the situation does not repeat itself? Do we kick the person out and hope that he repents of his actions?

The Church hasn't been particularly good at discipline in recent years. We are either too strict and condemning and allow no chance at repentance or we are too lax and don't stand up for anything. And besides if we go down the road of Church discipline it's just so easy for a person to go down the road and go to another Church who will turn a blind eye to their previous misdemeanours or maybe even to start their own Church.

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Paul, before he finishes this letter, wants to give us five practical guidelines on the when, why, and how discipline should be exercised. Let me summarise them briefly...

- a) **The need** for discipline comes not on some trivial offense which can be dealt with discretely or in private, but a public, deliberate and persistent case of disobedience to the word of God, not obeying the instructions found in the Bible.
- b) **The nature** of the discipline which Paul demands is that when people do the wrong thing, you and I should take special note of them. And in verse 14 it says do not associate with them. That doesn't mean ignoring them or being rude to them but don't include them in extra activities, don't invite them over for meals, don't encourage them in their disobedience.
- c) **The responsibility** for this discipline is not just the leaders, but everyone for Paul is talking to the whole Church in v 14. Leaders may take the initiative, but it is up to everyone to follow suit or there will be factions and divisions amongst the Church.
- d) **The spirit** in which discipline is to be administered is to be friendly, not hostile. It is to be done gently, for this person is not an enemy. He or she is instead a brother, a sister that we hope to win back.
- e) Lastly **the purpose** of discipline is positive and constructive. We are not to humiliate someone, nor make them feel ashamed. For we want our brother to repent, to reconcile, to change and so the aim is for them to eventually join us again.

Can I say that none of this is very easy. There have been times I have been called into a situation like this and it's hard not to take things personally, it's hard to continue to pray for repentance, it's hard because there is always a lot at stake. But if we are going to model the good news of repentance and faith in Jesus, of grace and of law, then it will be in these difficult situations where others will see what we are really like.

And so, yet again the key thing is to never tire of doing what is right. I have found myself saying to myself and to others time and time again. "I can't change what others do, all I can do is to make sure I do what is right. And pray that God will look after the rest." And that leads to Paul's last point.

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#### 5. Peace is a gift (verses 16-18)

*16 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times & in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 17 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all*

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Peace. This is the kind of peace only possible because it comes from the Lord of peace Himself. Jesus has made peace for us with God at the cross, forgiving our sin and reconciling us back to our God. And now He can give to us that peace as the Prince of Peace. And the peace Paul has in mind here isn't simply the absence of strife in Thessalonica. It is also a knowledge that Jesus' presence is always with us. And that God's grace is constantly available to us as well.

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Now seeing the concentration of the phrase, **the Lord Jesus Christ** and the **Lord of peace** at the end of this letter brought something really important to my mind. As we wait for the Lord to return, the key thing is not just our relationship with Jesus but that this relationship must shape how we live. It is, as we live Christ centred lives and as we are filled with Christ's peace, power & grace that Jesus himself enables us & strengthens us to stand firm no matter what is happening all around us. You see not only does Jesus save us and not only will Jesus one day to return for us but in the meantime, he is the one that enables us to stand firm.

Let's see what I mean. You see

- v 1 it is the Lord's message that spread to you & from you that makes the difference.
- v.3 is the Lord that is faithful and will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
- v.4 our confidence comes not from what we do but in what the Lord is doing around us.
- v.5 It is the Lord who directs our hearts and ensures Christ's perseverance in us remains
- v. 6 Church discipline should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- v.12 Daily work & providing for others is following the command of the Lord Jesus Christ
- v.16 and it is the Lord of peace and v.18 the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that Paul wants to leave with his Christian friends.

The Lord Jesus is mentioned eight times in eighteen verses. Paul wants us to see that prayer, work, church life, perseverance, discipline, peace and grace are not separate topics. They are all expressions of living under the rule and care of King Jesus. In other words, Paul is not merely giving practical advice about prayer, work, and discipline. He is showing that the healthy Christian life is lived under the lordship of Christ from beginning until the very end.

You see Christ is not merely the Saviour who gets us into the kingdom; he is the reigning Lord who sustains, directs, protects, disciplines, and blesses his people every day until his return.

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Now isn't it interesting how much like us the people at Thessalonica were? They needed to be reminded, like us, that prayer is vital. That love needs to be the motivation for everything we do, even our work. That work is not a burden but is a way we can bless others. That discipline is not about harshly dealing with the person who has fallen but lovingly restoring them to fellowship and they can only do all of these things through the peace, the presence and the grace of the Lord.

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I started the sermon today with a picture of Amélia António and the thought that as she waited for her rescue she had work to do. She had to hold on, she needed to look after her son and she needed to give birth all at the same time. But what if you and I saw that tree as the work of Jesus on the cross. Yes, she is working, she is caring, she is serving but Christ is the one holding her up the whole time & enabling her to do the things that she needs to do.

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Likewise, it is the Lord Jesus Christ who has saved you. He is one day returning for you and in the meantime as we wait, he is the one holding you up. But he is not holding you up so that you can enjoy the view but so you and I can get to work. To serve Him. To serve the lost. To serve your Church and your family.

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Brothers & sisters never tire of doing what is right. For Paul says at the end of 1 Corinthians 15, *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. Because anything work you do for the Lord is never in vain.”*

## Song – Christus Victor (Amen) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF5knxzkCVw>

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| <p>1. O Most High, King of the ages<br/>Great I AM, God of wonders<br/>By the blood You have redeemed us<br/>Led us through mighty waters<br/>Our strength, our song, our sure salvation</p> <p>[Chorus]<br/>Now to the Lamb upon the throne<br/>Be blessing, honor, glory, power<br/>For the battle You have won<br/>Hallelujah! Amen</p> <p>2. O Most High, dwelling among us<br/>Son of man sent for sinners<br/>By Your blood You have redeemed us<br/>Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior<br/>Who lived, who died, who rose victorious</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>Bridge<br/>With every tribe and every tongue<br/>We join the anthem of the angels</p> | <p>In the triumph of the Son<br/>Hallelujah! Amen</p> <p>3. O Most High, King of the nations<br/>Robed in praise, crowned with splendor<br/>On that day who will not tremble?<br/>When You stand Christ the Victor<br/>Who was, and is, and is forever</p> <p>Chorus<br/>Bridge</p> <p>Amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen<br/>Amen, amen, amen, amen</p> <p>Chorus<br/>Bridge</p> |
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**Benediction.** *16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)*