

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON

WAIT & WORK

2 THESS 2:1-2; 1:5-12

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1 Thessalonians

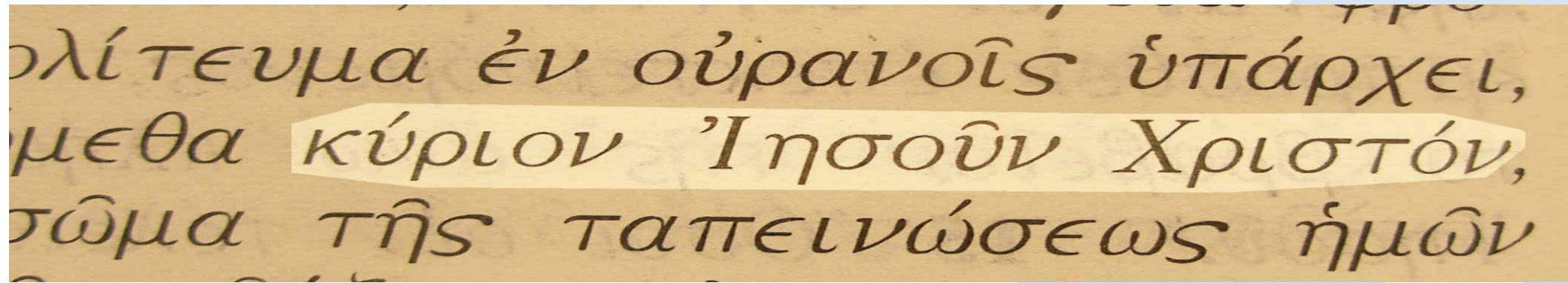
- ❖ The church birthed under persecution
- ❖ The church survived and flourished
- ❖ Living to please God
- ❖ The dead and the living in Christ
- ❖ Day of the Lord

**The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it
(1 Thess 5:24)**

2 Thessalonians

- ❖ Continuous persecutions and trials (2 Thess 1:3-4)
- ❖ Correct the wrong 'end-time' teachings
- ❖ Encourage the believers to stand firm. To wait in hope and to work while waiting for the Lord to return.

LORD JESUS CHRIST



ολίτευμα ἐν οὐρανοῖς ὑπάρχει,
μεθα κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν,
σῶμα τῆς ταπεινώσεως ἡμῶν

1 Thessalonians: 11x (=1 Corinthians)

2 Thessalonians: 12x

WAIT & WORK

We wait with hope and continue to work out our faith as living testimonies despite life's challenges until the Lord Jesus Christ return.

The command to **WAIT**

- ❖ With hope (2 Thess 1: 5-12)
- ❖ Do not be easily unsettled and alarmed by end-time teachings (2 Thess 2:1-11)
- ❖ By standing firm (2 Thess 2:13-16)

WAIT with hope (2 Thess 1: 5-12)

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. **6** God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you **7** and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels.

8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might **10** on the day He comes to be glorified in His holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you,

WAIT: Do not be easily unsettled and alarmed by end-time teachings (2 Thess 2:1-11)

1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

8 whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming.

WAIT by standing firm (2 Thess 2:13-16)

13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first-fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you,

The command to **WORK**

- ❖ Live responsible and productive life (2 Thess 3:6-14; 1 Thess 4:11-12)
- ❖ Excel in brotherly love by doing so more and more (1 Thess 4:9-10)
- ❖ Pursue holiness and stay away from sexual sins (1 Thess 4:3-8)
- ❖ Live as sons of the light and sons of the day (1 Thess 5: 4-8)

WORK: Live responsible and productive life

(2 Thess 3:6-14; 1 Thess 4:11-12)

10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

12 to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

11 lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands,

12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

WORK: Excel in brotherly love.

Do so more and more (1 Thess 4:9-10)

9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God **to love each other.**

10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, **to do so more and more,**

WORK : Pursue holiness, stay away from sexual sins

(1 Thess 4:3-8)

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, **5** not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; **6** and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. **7** For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. **8**—Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you His Holy Spirit.

WORK: Live as sons of the light and sons of the day

(1 Thess 5:4-8)

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

WAIT & WORK APPLICATIONS

- ❖ Challenges and difficulties are not excuses for our faith not to progress or grow
- ❖ Stand firm and hold fast (*strong grip*) the written Word and the living WORD
- ❖ We WAIT in hope for the LORD's return
- ❖ We WORK until He returns '*Occupy until I come*'