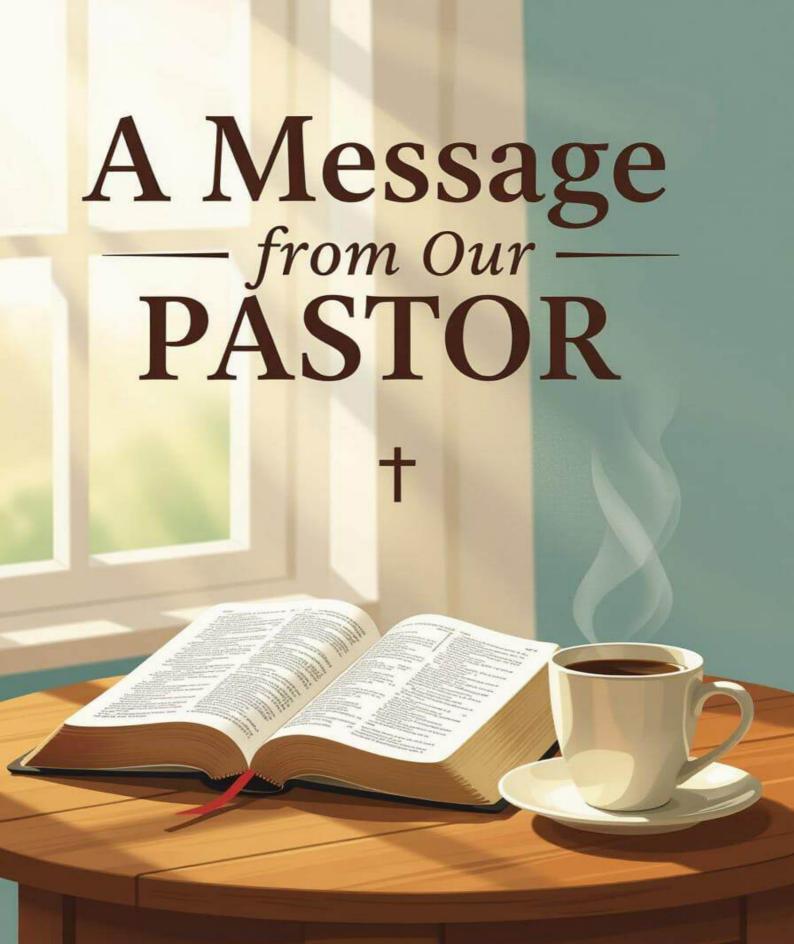


This week

Studying God's word helps us to experience his joy





Dear Friends,

Welcome to this 4th edition of Sunday

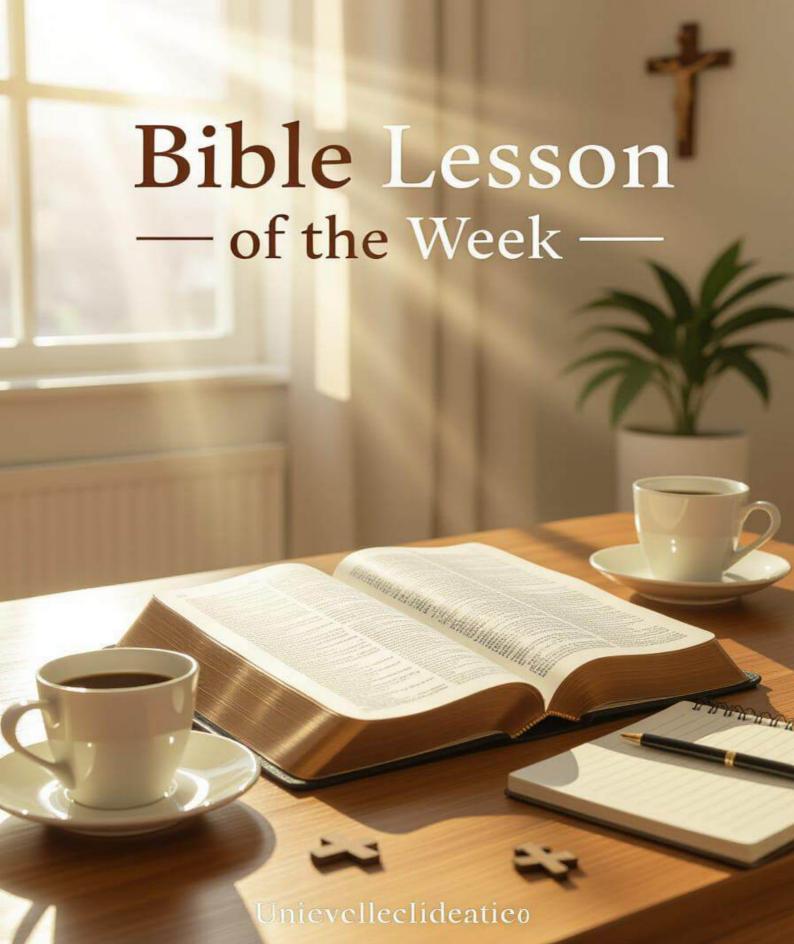
This Sunday, our Bible lesson is about hearts ready to grow in the joy that only comes from God's Word. Our focus is on 1 Thessalonians 1:6, where Paul commends the believers for welcoming the message in the midst of suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

What a powerful reminder for us today! Even in times of difficulty, the Word of God has the power to fill our hearts with joy not a fleeting emotion, but a deep, Spirit-given gladness that anchors our souls. The Thessalonians didn't find joy in their circumstances; they found it in the truth of God's message. As they studied, received, and lived by that Word, the Holy Spirit filled them with strength and hope that could not be shaken.

My prayer for you this week is that as we open the Scriptures together, you will experience that same joy the kind that grows as you walk closely with Jesus and listen to His voice through His Word. May your heart be renewed, your faith strengthened, and your spirit filled with the joy that only God can give.

In Christ's love and joy,

Pastor Dan Hopeful Hearts Ministry



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1 Thessalonians 1:6

Nearly two thousand years ago, in the busy city of Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul and his companions arrived carrying a message that would change lives forever the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thessalonica was a large port city in Macedonia (modern-day Greece), full of trade, culture, and idol worship. When Paul began teaching in the synagogue about Jesus, many Jews and Gentiles believed.

But not everyone was pleased. The new believers faced intense persecution. Some lost their jobs others were rejected by their families. Their faith cost them dearly. Yet something remarkable happened they were filled with joy.

Though the Thessalonians lived in fear of persecution, their joy didn't fade. It wasn't based on comfort, safety, or success it was based on God's truth.

The more they learned about Jesus through the Scriptures, the more they realized that He had also suffered, yet brought salvation through His love.

This understanding filled them with peace that the world couldn't take away.

Their joy came not from the absence of pain, but from the presence of Christ revealed in His Word.

Paul reminded them that this joy was not humanly produced it was given by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit worked through the Word they had received, teaching them, comforting them, and reminding them of God's promises.

Each time they gathered to read the Scriptures or remember Paul's teachings, the Spirit strengthened their hearts and renewed their joy.

Just like the Thessalonians, we live in challenging times. Life can be busy, uncertain, and painful. But when we study and receive God's Word with open hearts, the same Holy Spirit fills us with joy that rises above our circumstances.

The Bible is not just a book it's the living Word of God that speaks to us today. Through it, God reminds us that He is with us, loves us, and is faithful to His promises.

When we read, meditate, and apply Scripture, we experience His presence and that presence produces deep, lasting joy.





Heavenly Father,

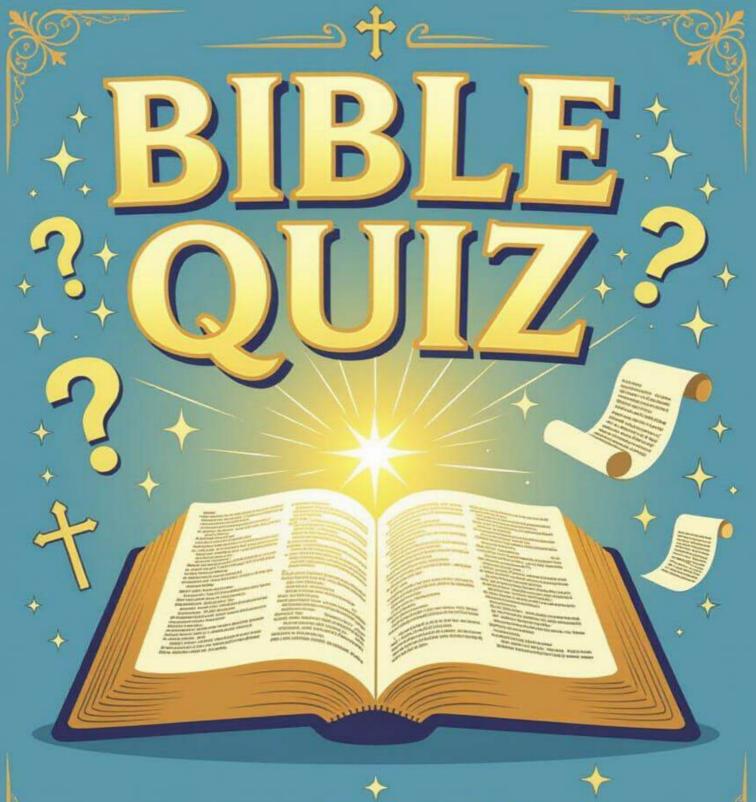
Thank You for the gift of Your Word the living truth that brings light, peace, and joy to our hearts. Just as the believers in Thessalonica welcomed Your message with gladness, teach us this week to receive Your Word with open hearts and eager spirits.

When life feels heavy or uncertain, remind us that true joy is not found in comfort or ease, but in knowing You through Scripture. As we read and study Your Word each day, may Your Holy Spirit fill us with the same deep joy that sustained the early church a joy that remains even in hardship, a joy rooted in Your presence.

Help us not only to study Your Word, but to live it out. Let it shape our thoughts, guide our choices, and overflow from our lives into the lives of others. May Your Word be our daily bread and our greatest delight.

Lord, renew our hearts this week with the joy of Your salvation. Let our time in Your Word draw us closer to You and reflect Your love to the world around us.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.



Learn. Grow. Shine.



- 1. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:6, what did the believers welcome?
- A) A new law
- B) The message (God's Word)
- C) A letter from Paul
- D) A new festival

Answer: B) The message (God's Word)

- 2. What did the Thessalonian believers experience even while suffering?
- A) Fear and doubt
- B) Anger and confusion
- C) Joy given by the Holy Spirit
- D) Freedom from pain

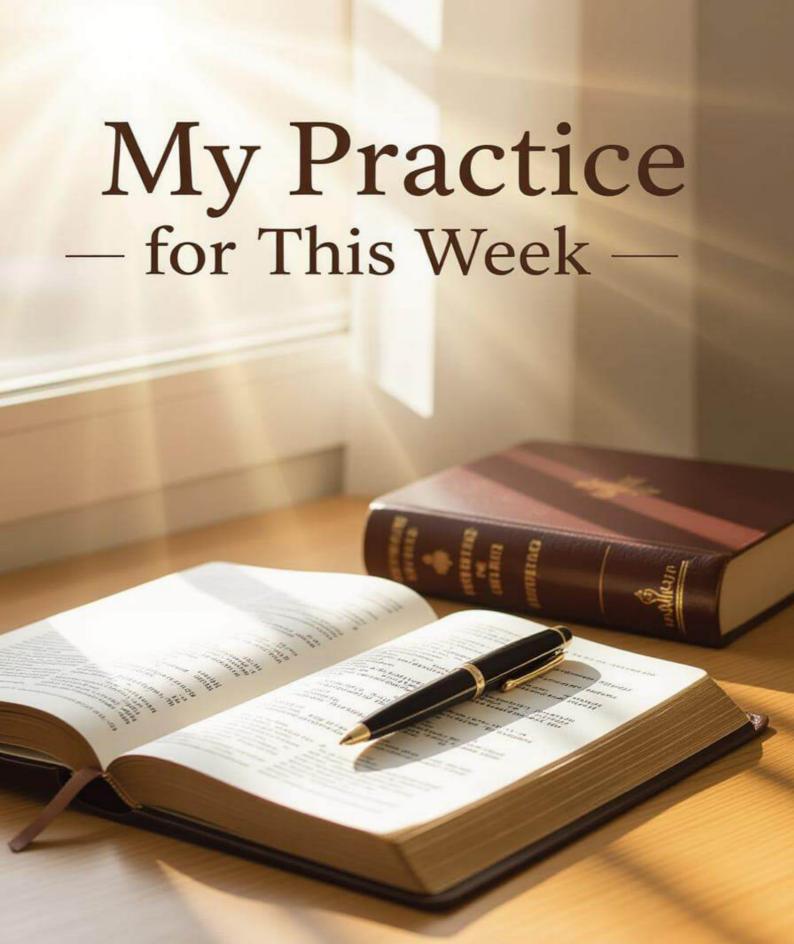
Answer: C) Joy given by the Holy Spirit

- 3. Who gave the believers their joy?
- A) The Apostle Paul
- **B) The Holy Spirit**
- C) The church leaders
- D) Themselves

Answer: B) The Holy Spirit

- 4. What happens when we study and receive God's Word today?
- A) We become more joyful and spiritually strong
- B) We gain more knowledge without change
- C) We avoid all suffering
- D) We earn God's love

Answer: A) We become more joyful and spiritually strong



1.Welcome God's Word.

Reflect on one truth that stands out and write it in a journal.

Pray Lord, help me to welcome Your Word today and experience Your joy

2. Memorize a Joy Giving Verse

Choose a verse about joy in God's Word, e.g. 1 Thessalonians 1:6.

Repeat it throughout the day.

Meditate on how it applies to your current circumstances.

3. Pray Through Scripture

Read a short passage and turn it into a personal prayer.

Example: After reading Philippians 4:4, pray Lord, help me rejoice in You always, even in challenges

4. Apply the Word

Identify one command or principle from Scripture that you can put into practice today. Example Show kindness, forgive someone, or encourage a friend.

Observe how acting on God's Word brings joy to your heart.